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PREFACE.

This volume contains the proceedings of Elihu Yale and his Council at Fort St. George for the year 1690 and is the sixteenth of the series of "Public Consultations." The original manuscript is in a fair state of preservation.

H. DODWELL.

RECORDS OF FORT St. GEORGE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1690.

[*From January* 1 *to December* 30, 1690.]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY* $16\frac{89}{90}$——

The Dyary and Consultation Book of the Honble: Elihu Yale Esqr: Presid^t^ : Governour & Councill, their Proceedings, and Transactions for the Affaires of the R^t^ : Honble: Enlgish East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Chormandell & the Bay of Bengall. The ℘mo: January 1689–90.

According to the Governour and Councills order the Citty Trainbands containing all the Christian Inhabitants, also the Garrison Soldiers mett at the Generall place of Randevouz, which were divided into two Partyes and the methods of the millatary exercise Shewn them round the garrison afterwards march't over the river to the Campaigne where they did form and order them in a Batalion, and then treated y^m^: w^th^ : a handsome dinner. ℘mo: Generall Traineing

Generall from Conimere dated the 31th: last month adviseing that the Goverment are very troublesom to them in their large and unreasonable demands first of Pag^s^: 3000 to be lent the King and then P: 5000 for the buildings and Fortifications there, which they pretend that, the French have paid for theirs which they have often disputed with them about and excused themselves of their demands, but they will hear to no reason or equity saying they [are] in great want of money, haveing given the King their Estates to continue them in their employments, which they must Seek to retreive. 4. Genll: from Conimere. To lend the King 3000 P 5000 P: as a gra[tn]ity.

Att a Consultation — Munday 6.

Present

Elihu Yale President and Governour
Mr John Littleton — Mr Thos: Wavell
Mr John Cheney — Mr Willm: Fraser
Mr Willm: Cawley — Mr Thoms: Gray.

The Presidents acc^t^: of the R^t^: Honble: Comp^as^: Cash for the month of December was read and past and the ballance examined am^ts^: to Pag^d^: 102388: 10 :— Presidents acot: Cash read.

Proposed that if the Princess should faile comeing this month, whether 'twould be requisite to dispatch the Chandos for England in her stead, in consideration of Saveing her passage home but our resolves thereon is deferrd till next meeting. Proposed ye: sending the chandos home

The Storekeeper is orderd to hasten a Sloop to carry the Honble: Company's packett and our advices &^a^: to Bombay, the season growing late for that Passage. to hasten a sloop for bombay.

The new revolted Gentue Government from the Mogull in these parts, writeing to the Governour for a supply of amunition of 100 barrils of Powder and 2500 weight of small shott to carry on their Rebellion and warr against the Mogull, but The Gentue Government desire a supply of

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ammunition. To avoyd furnishing ym. wee haveing newes, that there is Peace concluded at Bombay with the Mogull and least we should disoblige him herein, Tis thought convenient, that we avoyd furnishing them with any, or else delay it, till we hear the certaintey thereof, or that wee are absolutely necessitated thereto.

The fugitive seamen to be tryed. The fugitive Seamen belonging to Ship Chandos being lately taken and sent us from Conimere, and ever since under seveer confinement It is orderd that on Thursday next the 9th; Instant, they be brought before the President the Councill and some of the officers at the fort hall to be there examined and tryed.

Gold thread to be sold. There being a Parcell of Gold thread in the Warehouse, which Some Persons offers to buy at 9 Pags : ℘ l̃l which being the most we cann bring them to, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to deliver them 25 £: at that rate and endeavour the dispose of the rest as soon and well as he can.

The Merchts: reprehended for their delayes. Tashereeft as acoustomary. The Rt: Honble: Compas: merchants meeting this day in Councill, where they were first seveerly reprehended by the President for their delayes in their Contract, which they many wayes excused themselves in and promised to be more sedulous in the conclusion thereof, they were also discours't upon another Contract which they desired to be excused from, till they had finished the old one, after which they were orderd to be Tashereeft as accustomary wth: Broad cloth &ca:

Warehouse kee p̃: opinions of ye: Conimere cloth. The Warehouse keeper &ca: deliverd in a paper with their opinions about the Conimere goods &ca: which is left to the Councills further Considerations, and that the said goods be veiw'd and examined by them all before any resolves bee made thereon but that said paper be enterd in the Register.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

8. Genll: from Porto novo. Generall from Porto Novo with an enclosed paper of Eccogees Proposalls for our settlement and tradeing in his Country at Navore a seaport town near unto Negapatam, giveing great encouragmt: and assurances of freindship and assistance, as also that yt: And the adjacent townes affords great quantitys and many sorts of goods.

THURSDAY 9.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President and Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOS: WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM: CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Debated on a settlemt: in Ecogees Countrey. Haveing been long treating about a settlement in Eccogees Countrey or some where toward Tuteecarree and Commoreen to engage the pepper trade in those parts, which now they invite us to, butt haveing yet come to noe agreemt: about our fortifying eta: priviledges a letter of proposalls was sent them, which when confirmed, Tis agreed that we send fitting Persons to settle and build a factory and commence a trade.

Proposed ye: buying of a small sloop for Bombay. The President proposed the buying a small sloop to send our advises to Bombay, the season thither elapsing and our expected sloop not yet arrived from Porto Novo.

ELIHU YALE. WILL: FRASER.
JOHN LITTLETON. WM: CAWLEY.
THO: WAVELL. THO: GRAY.
JNO: CHENEY.

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[9TH.] The ship Chando's fugitive seamen were this day examined and tryed by the President, Councill and some officers and were sentenced that four of them should run the Gantlett & ride the wooden horse, the other four to be whipt aboard all the shipps in the road, wth: 15 stripes a peice.

Pass to Sloop Annapourna belonging to Collowa Chettee Inhabitant. 10.

Gen^{ll}: from Porto Novo of the 8th: Instant. 11. Genll: from Porto Novo.

12. Do: from Conimere wth. advices.

Generall from Conimere of the 8th Instant adviseing they have at last concluded their troubles & the Subidars unreasonable demands upon the factory by makeing him &^{a}: a small present which could not possibly be avoyded by reason of the great Interest he has at Coart, and might probably meet wth: disappointments in their buisness, if they did not on that occasion make him their freinds, which he has given them assurance of, and letters of recommendation to Coart, where the Chief &^{a}: intends to proceed to, with the present to Rama Raja in two days.

No Consultation. MONDAY 13.

Pinck Jno: & Mary arrived.

Sloop John and Mary belonging to M^{r}: Jno: Gray deceas'd arrived this day from Maddapollam.

Genll: to Conimere.

Generall to Conimere of this dayes date approvd and dispatch't wth: Pag^{s}: 2,000 for their factory expences.

Genll: to Porto Novo.

Generall to Porto Novo of the same date wth: the needfull advices about a settlement in Eccogees Countrey.

THURSDAY 16.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}: President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOM^{S} WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILL^{M} FRASER
MR WILL^{M}: CAWLEY	MR THOM^{S} GRAY.

Mr Thomas Gray his book of acc^{ts}: of the Land Customes for the month of Decemb^{r}: were read & past & paid Pag^{s}: 160 into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash y^{e}: ꝑticulars Vz.

Land Customes	Pag^{s}:	45:	16:	56
Choultrey Customes	„	110:	27:	05
Ruby Brokers	„	6:	17:	47
	Pag$_{s}$:	162:	25:	24
Charges deducted	„	1:	27:	
	Pag$_{s}$:	160:	32:	24

M^{r}: Nathaniel Higginson deliverd in his Paymasters Accompts of Aprill 88 ballanced; the Severall Particulars whereof examined and approved as also the Ballance of books EE. 87: and the accomptant is orderd to enter them accordingly in the following books.

Ordered that the Councill doe meet at y^{e}: Warehouse & give there Opinions concerning the Conimere cloth.

Orderd that Tomorrow morning y^{e}: Councill doe meet at the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Warehouse and give their opinions of the Conimere Cloth as also to Vallue y^{e}: short and turn'd out Cloth belonging to the Merch^{ts}:

There being a dispute upon the musters of the Neckcloths, it is now debated and the musters decided and confirm'd.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.

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FRIDAY 17. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMS GRAY.

In pursuance of yesterdays Consultation the Councill mett early this morning at the sorting Godown, where after opening and a strict examination of many bales of severall sorts of Conimere and Porto Novo Goods, we find ye Porto Novo Goods indifferently well in their Severall quallityes as also the Conimere blue cloth, Succatums and fine Neckcloths but the Longcloth wte: and brown as also the Sallampores very ordinary & so ill sorted & pack't yt: they are resolved not to be sent home for Europe & therefore to be returnd upon ye: Merchts: to be exchanged for better, tho ye: President was of opinion twas better to make a proportionable abatemt upon ym: & send ym: home in consideration of or great want of goods, to compleate a ladeing for ye: Princess, as also ye: want of coarse goods in England. & their present scarcity & deerness here, likewise for ye: returning as much of the great Stock by us as possibly, wch: otherwise for want of goods may lye long dead by us, whilst ye: ships goe home dead freighted, The Rt: Honble: Compa: also requireing all sorts of these course goods procureable at a reasonable Price.

The short Narrow & turnd out Longcloth & Sallamprs were also receiv'd & most of ym found short of muster, but in consideration of or necessity for goods we prest & prevail'd wth ye Merchts to lett ym: goe at a lower number & price viz. P: 20: 8: & P: 10: 9: for ye Sallamprs wch: they very unwillingly consented to, by reason ye towne Marketts would give them at least 10 ₽ Ct: more yn: the Honble: Compa: are to give, since wth: out it ye: Merchts: are not able to compleat their Contract, ye: troubles in ye: Countrey & Scarcity of goods are So great.

The 40 covt: Ginghams comeing out courser yn: muster they were also brought to a lower number & price, and the Warehousekeepr: orderd to sort & receive them accordingly.

Porto Novo Clo: not fitt to goe for Engd:

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.

I do not agree to the sending home of the Porto Novo Cloth being so much inferior to the Musters which are the same we have here I say L: C: ordry: & Sallampores & blue Cloth.

WILL: FRASER.

WM: CAWLEY.

Generall from Mr Charles fleetwood at Chiccacull adviseing of the arrivall of an English sloop at Collapillee, mannd with 15 English and 2: cofferees, wm: he supposes to be Pyratts, they all haveing left her with Intent to goe and serve the Mogull, but Mr ffleetwood has writ to the seerlascar to secure ym: till his releasment, which he is in hopes he will do.

19. Ship [*blank*] belonging to Maucudũ Nina arrived from Bimlipatam.

23. Letter from Colla Vencatadry at Metchlepatam enclosing one from Ispahaunee Tubbatubba to the President, acquainting, that he had been to wait upon Basherad Cawne, who intends Suddainly to come to these parts, & discourst abt: or: affaires enforming him ye: great disadvantage it was to ye: Duan by ye: Loss of the English trade & removall from those parts, wch: he seemed to be sencible of & promised to give ye Allumgees an acct: thereof, if we would make known our agrevances to him by some suitable embassador wth: many other kind offers of his services to us.

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Letter from Mahomed Saudeek the revolted Generall of the Mogulls forces in these parts to the President, kindly expressing his Love and freindship and offers of his assistance, in what may tend to the Interest of the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: and their affaires.

A Sloop arriveing here this day from Bengall brings us advice thence from Mr Charles Eyres &c^a of the 25th: November last, that notwithstanding y^e : late seveer orders from the Mogull for the exterpating all the English this Countrey and demollishing their factorys in Bengall, The Nabob through his clemency and good inclinations towards them, forbore putting them to execution ; and that after some publick discourse with them and dispatch of the Kings people, He privately Sent for Mr Eyres & Bradhill late at night, where there was only the Duan present, and very affectionately exprest to them in the following tearms, " You cannot but be sencible of my favours lately bestowed on you, and especially in that of your releasment, and giveing my ℘wannas' according to your desire, notwithstanding the many Stories the late Suba's have wrote against you, and the Kings displeasure thereon, who as I understand hath orderd you to be expelled the Countrey, but as I have given you my promise and word so I will endeavour to performe the same by assisting you and writeing up to the King to receive you into favour againe, but I must desire you to follow those methods I shall prescribe to you V^z: That upon your arrivall in Ballassore you make noe great noise and bring up but one or two Ships for the present and send me your arruzdaust or letter of request on receipt of which I shall write to the King and endeavour to procure a Phyrmaund, in the meantime I woud not have you be too forward in your Trafficque, untill some orders arrive from thence or that you hear further from me, whether I do intend to make application in your behalves in order to a right composeing of matters between you and the King, and if at any time I should seem openly to be displeased with you, Tis not that I will be really so and therefore I now give you my word and promise that you may rest Satisfied therein without the least Suspition or Jealosy and keep this my kind promise and agreement as private as you can that it may not be broached abroad, for you have great many enimies and especially the Dutch, who would not care how Soon you were deprived of the trade of Bengall, tho I must declare to you I had rather see your trade flourish then theirs." The Nabobs speech.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 27.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY	MR THOMAS GRAY.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper his warehouse books of Acc^ts for the month of December were read and past and paid in three thousand Pagodas to the Honble Comp^as Cash.

Mr Richard Brown was againe sent for to examine and conclude his accounts with the R^t Honble Company about the weight of the Cordage which he affirmes were wrong survey'd, produceing a paper from Mr Charles fleetwood, but this buisness haveing been referr'd to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam to examine and state, they sent us an Account thereof on the ballance of which is due from Mr Browne being Pag^s 542 : 02 : on Acc^t rigging &^a made use of by him at Vizagapatam from wch is to be deducted Pag^s 100 allowed him for the service of his Ship, during the troubles there in his time as ℘ Consultation of the 9th of July 88 and that if any errour in the weight of the Cordage was hereafter proved to be overcharged to him, that y^n it should be allowed him, as also what Dammer &c^a of his was made use of at Vizagapatam upon the R^t Honble Companyes Shipping.

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Mr John Cheney his books of the Paymasters Acct were read and past.

Charges Garrison ...	Pags	1590 :	10 :	½
Charges Generall ...	,,	428 :	34 :	¾
Charges Merchandize	,,	39 :	06 :	5/16
Charges Dyett	,,	310 :	05 :	1/16
Stores	,,	85 :	19 :	5/8
Acct fortifications & repairs	,,	757 :	04 :	7/8
Charges Extraordinary	,,	20 :	35 :	⅛
Charges Cattle	,,	12 :	26 :	¾
West Coast	,,	4 :	31 :	—
	Pags	3249 :	30 :	5/8

A parcell of round Pepper offering to sale the Councill have treated about it for the Rt Honble Compa but the lowest price we could bring them to was Pa : 21 ℔ Candy which being putt to the voat, the Councill were of opinion they could give no more than 17½ Pa ℔ Candy the Honble Compa haveing Commanded us not to exceed that price.

The letters and advices from Bengal were perused & debated.

Orderd that Pags : 1000 be paid Mr Jo Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison Charges.

The Ladeing the ship Chandos for England was again discourst, but thought best to deferr our resolves therein sometime longer, being in dayly hopes of the Princess's arrivall from China.

Mrs Mary Sterling makeing it her Petition to ye Councill for a maintenance to live upon from the Rt Honble Compa she haveing nothing to subsist on, her husband dying in the Honble Compas service very poor, Her father Capt Francis being also killed in their Service in Bengall, Tis thought reasonable & orderd that she be allowed 50 fañ ℔ month.

Mr William Cawley Storekeeper his Accts for the months of November and December were read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.
JNO CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
WM : CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

28. Ship [*lacuna*] belonging to Mr John Coventry arrived this day from Atchien, brought a Generall from Mr Thomas Yale &ca aboard the Defence at Mallacca of the 10th of August last adviseing that they were civilly treated by the dutch there, and very assisting to our occasions, as also of the departure of the James and Princess of Denmark thence the 7 of June & 3d July last for China, and Mr Coventry enformes us of their safe arrivall there as also of the Defences at Canton.

29. Generall from Conimere acknowledging the receipt of Pags 2000 sent them overland.

Sloop Robert belonging to Mr : Robert Masfen arriveing this evening from Atchein confirmes the safe arrivall of the Princess and James in China, and of their being near ready to be dispatch't thence in December last, and that ship Mary Capt : Stephen Barbar was arrived there from China design'd on a Voyage to Moco : wth : a suitable Cargo.

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ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 30.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOM^S WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR W^M FRASER
MR WILL^M CAWLEY MR THOM^S GRAY.

By a Private ship from Atchien we rec^d: a Generall from Mr Thomas Yale from aboard the Defence att Mallacca dated the 10th: August last, where the ship and Company were all well and in great hopes of attaining her Voyage to China by which conveyance, we have also advice of the Princess of Denmarks Safe arrivall at Amoy and that she had aboard half her ladeing and that the rest was in readiness to be putt aboard intending to saile thence the 10th: December according to Agreem^t: which gives us such hopes of her hourly arrivall here, that we at present lay aside all thoughts of disposeing the Chandos for England but to designe her for China or elsewhere a voyage in the Countrey and to gett our goods in a readiness for the Princess for England as formerly designed.

Prince Devora, near Cape Comereen haveing often corresponded with the President for a settlement and trade in his Countrey, and in a late letter in answer to the Presidents promises to mediate with the new King of Candy on Zealon for the freedome of the English captives there as desired which he doubts not to effect, haveing a good Correspondance with him and that he had lately sent the King a Present at his own Charge for that purpose desireing us that we would Permitt his Merchant Pereatombee Mercawn to trade here and pay no more Custome or other dutyes then the English, which in consideration of the above said kindness is agreed to and the Customer for the future orderd to receive no more of them then the English pay on noe pretence whatever, the difference betwixt the English and Natives being only a small duty to the Peddanaque and their Pagodas &c^a.

M^r: John Pitt and Mr Levison acquainting the Councill that their Covenants with the R^t Honble Comp^a: for their factor and Writership were this day expired, It is orderd that they do enter into their degrees of a Merchant and factor according to the R^t: Honble: Comp^a: rules of Progression.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

Letter from the Generall Arsumma Naique from the Camp desireing this Towns rent money may be paid him or his order as also the assistance of some ammunition, as Powder Shott &^a: deducting its amount out of the rent money. 30.

Another from Maudenanto Pontulo of the same contents.

Generall to His Excellency &^a: of Bombay dated ye 20th Instant wth necessary advices of affaires in these parts to this time.

The Presidents answer to the Generall Arsumma Naiques letter excuseing the payment of the Towns rent money till it shall become due which will be in June next, when it shall be duly observ'd according to Sallabad; as also the supplying him wth ammunition he wrote for, which by Sadd misfortune a Shipp lately arrived from England was blown up in the road wth near 100 men and the powder and all other things destroy'd.

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FEBRUARY MUNDAY 3. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Ship Mindanoa after the loss of her Monsoon being forc't back to Mindanoa againe with many other chargeable distresses and dangers in endeavouring to gaine her Passage, unexpectedly arrived yesterday into this road with the greatest part of her Ladeing in Clove bark the rest Tortois shell, Wax and Tinn, whereupon Mr John Afflack part owner of said ship, wth whom we contracted in behalf of the rest acquainted the Councill of the arrivall of said goods, desireing the performance of our contract with them, being according to the Companyes orders, the Warehouse-keeper is orderd to weigh and receive the same after the Customes of 5℔ Ct due thereon is clear'd, tho the President was of opinion the quantity being about a thousand pecull was too great for the present Europe marketts and therefore proposed that the proprietors might send the one half on their own Accots in Permissive trade upon next Shipp or else that the parcell might be devided for the Compa on two Ships but the rest of the Councill was of opinion that we could not send too much of that Comodity home it being in soe much use and request there.

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Cheney Paymastr to defray the charges Garrison, as also Pags 500 to Mr William Cawley for the charges of the Rt Honble Companyes Shipping.

Mr William Fraser paid this day into the Rt Honble Companys Cash Pags 550 for customes receiv'd the last month.

The Samuel Ketch being arriv'd after a long Passage from Porto Novo, she is orderd to be unladen immediately and dispatch't for Bombay with all expedition least she loose the monsoon, and that one of the new brass Mortar peice with half the Shells and Istruments with fourty barrills of Gunpowder; some wheat and other necessary stores be sent on her to Bombay, not knowing their Condition, but it is reported by the Portuguese to be still beseiged by the siddee and that he hath 12000 men upon the Island, and more prepareing to be sent thither from Surratt, notwithstanding the overtures and treaty of peace, but however if they want them not then we shan't, if they doe they will come oppertunely for their Service.

Capt William Minchin Comeing hither upon the Kings Proclamation and the Companyes Declaration to employ them according to their profession and abillityes, and he desireing the performance of the same and being an antient able Pylott, well acquainted with the Coast of Mallabar and Bombay is order'd to be Master for the Samuel Ketch, and to proceed on her thither, at the usuall rates of that employ.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

5. Generall from Conimere of the ℔mo: Instant, adviseing that the Bramenee that was reported to be sent there from Rama Raja to treat about our affaires was not yet arrived, and doubt they are otherwise designed for by late advice they have, yt: Gopall Punditt has drawn up a charge of Pags 34000 that has bin to the Divans prejudice by our withdrawing our Cuddalore and Porto Novo factoryes

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and seems he was much Concernd he was disappointed in his designe by not putting a Stopp to the Cheif w^n: he was at Chingee which he now to revenge the same has done it to all publick and Private affaires at Porto Novo, also advise us of some Merchants proposalls for the freighting the R^t: Honble: Comp^as: Ship Madapollam for Atchein which they require the President &^as: answer to.

Porto Novo Merchts: proposed to freit ye Maddapoll:

6.

By a French Cossit arrived here this Evening from Pullicherry enformes of a French Captains Arrivall there from Surratt by Land who brought the news of a certaine Peace concluded at Bombay and a Phyrmaund sent the Generall as also that the English at Surratt were all sett at liberty.

Advice from Pullicherry. of a certaine Peace made at Bombay.

Generall and Advices to the severall Subordinate factoryes upon the Coast of India were read past and dispatcht.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 7.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R: President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS: WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILL^M: FRASER
MR WILL^M: CAWLEY	MR THOMAS GRAY

The President read his Acc^t: of the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: Cash for the month of January which was past in Councill the ballance resting is P: 98665: 10: 0.

The Presidents acct: Cash read.

M^r: Thomas Gray his acc^ts of the Land customes for the month of January were read & past & paid into the R^t Honble Cash on s^d acc^t Pag 130.

Land Customs.

Land Customes	Pags: 25: 07: 23
Choultry Customes	97: 17: 73
Ruby brokers	1: 34: 79
	P: 124: 24: 7
Charges Deducted ...	1: 16: —
	P: 123: 08: 07

They writeing us from Porto Novo that some Merchants profferd the ladeing the ship Maddapollam for Atchein upon the usuall freight, Tis order'd y^t they lett her out to freight provided they can procure a sufficient one and upon such tearmes as may be advantagious to the Honble Company which they must duly calculate and make their agreement, if possible that She might be free at Atchien and to be dispatch't thence for Bencolen to lade with Pepper hither.

Orderd to tell ye Maddapoll to freight for Atchien on good tearms. to proceed thence to ye Wt: Coast.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

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Generall from Conimere of the 4th Instant adviseing that they had sent for and acquainted their Merchants with the Honble President's &^a orders of the 30th Ultim^o as to their receiving back their badd Long cloth and Sallampores last sent up which they possitively refuseing to doe wherefore they told them that the Goods should be sent them upon their own Risgoe excepting they would order it otherwise. As also that they cannot procure Timber or planks for the repairing the Bencolen which for want of and procureing of materialls they must lett her lye still till September. And they likewise advise that the Padre Governadore has sent a letter Commanding all our Portegueze Soldiers and Roman Catholicks to leave the R^t Honble Comp^as service there and repair to Pullicherry.

Genl: from Conimere. Merchts: refusall of ye taking ye: Goods back.

Padre of ye: Mount Commanding ye Portegueze Soldiers away.

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8.
Genl: to Conimere ordering to complete their contract.

Generall to Conimere of this dayes date read & approved ordering them to conclude their Investment, to complete a ships Ladeing for England this year.

Capt: Minchens dispatch deliverd.

Despatch to Capt William Minchen Master of the Ketch Samuel Signed and deliverd.

9.
Pass to Sloop Princess Capt William Harrison Master.

TUESDAY 11.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILL^{M}: FRASER
MR WILL^{M} CAWLEY	MR THOM^{S}: GRAY.

Cossitts from Bombay. Robbd of their packets &c^{a}.

They advise of a peace concluded Bombay.

Absolutely necessary to sayle to Bengall.

Orderd no more silver to be disposed.

This day came two Cossitts from Bombay, who left the place the 20th Decemb^{r} last, but unhappily in the way were by the Polligars or Morattaes robb'd of their packetts money Cloaths and all things they had of any Vallue, very narrowly escapeing with their lives, which they say, they were very near looseing, upon enquiry of news from Bombay, they tell us the Generall &c^{a} had made a peace with the Mogull, and that he had sent three of his Phyrmaund to Bombay, and that his Sheerpaw was in few dayes expected for the Gen^{ll} with all other Rites and ceremonyes to ratifye the Peace, they also tell us, that the Syddee was yet upon the Island, ingarrison'd with about 12000 men, but that they keep a very civill correspondence with the English, this good news with what wee lately received from Surratt, and that also a few days past confirmd by the french gives us great reason to beleive that a peace is concluded with us, throughout the Mogulls Dominions, and therefore think it the R^{t} Honble Camp^{as} Interest and absolutely necessary, that we send a Europe Ship with as considerable a stock as we cann raise, with the Agent &^{a} Councill, and those of the Companye's Servants formerly belonging to the Bay as soon as possibly, that they may have time to Invest it for the ensueing year, more especially since all sorts of Goods, are so scarce and dear in this Countrey, that we cannot procure half a shipp's Ladeing by y^{t} time not doubting the Comp^{as} and the Generalls, approbation thereof, for said reasons, as also from the great encouragement and Invitation, wee have had to a returne and trade from that worthy good Nabob Ebrahim Cawn, and His freindship and good inclination to the English who undoubtedly has been very instrumentall to this Peace. The Warehousekeeper is therefore orderd not to dispose of any more Silver, but reserve it for that designe, as also to provide a Sufficient cargoe of Europe Goods to be sent thither by the first oppertunity.

The Chandos to goe for England.

Quintelledge & Bales to be laden aboard.

This being the day appointed in our former consultations for our resolutions, which ship to lade immediately home for England, and the Princess not being yet arrived, and the season So farr Spent as may endanger, the getting of her Passage, twas therefore proposed to the Councill whether we should awaite Sometime longer for the Princess' arrivall or not, which being put to Vote, twas carryd for the Chandos immediate and expeditious ladeing, not doubting her timely arrivall home, the Capt: promiseing his uttmost endeavours therein, the Warehousekeeper is therefore orderd to lade her proportion of Petre and Redd-wood &c^{a}: with the Clove bark, the smallest of w^{ch}: to be putt in baggs to prevent its loss, as also the pepper to compleat her Tonnage. Also the Fort & Porto Novo Bales.

The Storekeeper is also orderd to survey the Ship and muster the Shipps Company and give his report to the Councill.

Capt: John Bonnell delevering in a paper to the President and Councill, wherein he represents the great charge and trouble he has sufferd by his long and tedious Passage hither, and his great expence upon the Honble: Company's Soldiers for their recovery at the Cape, for which he desires Satisfaction, and to repaire

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the loss of his men, that he may have liberty to buy thirty Slaves for the strengthning, and service of his Shipp, likewise demands Satisfaction for a long boat and furniture he left in the Bay with Capt: Owen, wch: the Agent &ca: made use of for the Rt: Honble: Compas: Acct in the late Warr. As for the first tho wee are very sencible of Capt: Bonnells sufferings in this Voyage, as also of his care and kindness to ye: soldiers at the Cape, dureing their Passage hither yet finding no Proviso made in the Charterparty or any orders from the Honble: Company to make any allowance upon such considerations Wee therefore can doe noe more as to that, then recommend him to their Honours, to gratifye him as they shall think ffitt but in consideration of the loss of his men wee doe allow him to buy thirty Slaves for the strengthning and service of his Shipp, he buying them legally and paying the Rt: Honble: Company's dutyes thereon, and as for his long boat &ca: the Secretary is orderd to enquire of the Agent &ca: of the truth thereof, which if as he represents it, that they have made use of her for the Companys Acct: that he be paid the Vallue of said Boat.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.

I except ye goeing home of ye Porto Novo Clo: as I have before done in a paper dd in Councill.	THO: WAVELL.
I am for sending home all the Cloth can procure ffitt for or marketts wch: the sorters are to take care of.	JNO: CHENEY.
I except against the going home of the Porto Novo Cloth for the reasons expressed in a Paper delivered in to Councill bearing date ye: 4th: of Janry last.	WILL: FRASER.
I am not for goeing against the Opinion of the Sorters here thay being ℘sons order to yt Imploy by or: Rt: honorble Mars: as likewise they havein Examined it W. C.	WM: CAWLEY.
I am not for sending home ye Porto Novo Cloth ye sorters haveing upon survey found it unfitt for a Europe Market.	THO: GRAY.

The Presidents answer to the severall above sd: objections.

To THE WOLLSPLL: COUNCILL.

The President answer to the Councills objections.

GENTLEMEN

Haveing perused your severall exceptions about the Conimere and Porto Novo Goods I find that notwithstanding our former Consultations you are resolved against the sending them for England and your majority of Voates has soe orderd itt, but I being of a contrary opinion am obliged to give my reasons for it which are Vizt.

His reasons.

First. the Rt: Honble: Compas: repeated possitive order for the returning as much of their stock as possibly in ordinary longcloth and Sallampores &ca: course goods at reasonable rates as well for the want of them in England as to lade their Shipps home.

2dly: You cannot but know that the Town & Countrey marketts would give much more for them than it costs the Compa: and that ye scarcity and troubles in the Countrey are so great, that we cannot expect to gett more in a long time att least at those rates.

3dly: To returne the Goods upon the Merchants will increase their debts to the Rt: Honble: Compa: & may make it dangerous as times goe, they still oweing much upon their old Contracts.

And lastly that the Honble: Compa: will be great Sufferers by the want of the returnes of their stock and the dead freight the want of near 500 bales will occasion, the same sorts of Cloth being wth: your approbations sent home by the Dorothy.

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To prevent which and to charge the fault and defect of the cloth rightly, Tis my opinion & direction that the damage in the sortment be impartially and justly vallued and calculated by the Warehousekeep[r] : and assistants, haveing due Considerations to the difference in Sorts and prices, twixt our Cloth and theirs and that it fall on the Merchants that deliverd it, or those y[t] sorted and received it, and not the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : suffer by the want of their returnes and dead freight with some disreputation to the Stock too, and thus I have breifly given you my opinion in writeing which I have long and often done before verbally which if you continue to disregaurd, I can say or doe noe more but acquiesce, being over ruled by your Voates, however I have this Satisfaction, y[t] : I have discharg'd my duty to the place I am entrusted w[th], so that now it remaines upon you to answer to our R[t] : Hon[ble] : Masters for the want of these goods, and all other ill consequences thereon which I once more press to your Serious Considerations, ordering this to be registred.

Fort S[t] : George.
Feb : 11 : 16$\frac{89}{90}$.

Your Faithfull Affect̃ Freind
ELIHU YALE.

FORT S[T] GEORGE Y[E] : JAN[Y] 4TH : 16$\frac{89}{90}$

The Warehousekeepers & Assistants opinion of the Porto Novo and Conimere Goods.

Wee the subscribers belonging to the Sorting Goedowne, haveing severall times View'd the Conimere and Porto Novo Cloth, doe make our report of the same as followeth.

The Longcloth, Browne, White and Blue, as also the Sallampores, are so unequally and bad Sorted, that tis impossible any competent Valuation can be made thereon, without y[e] musters but further we declare our opinions, that as it is now pack't and sorted, tis not fitting to goe for England, as to the Commeeses & neckcloths, w[ch] possible may come out somewhat better in their kind, then the other foregoeing sorts of Cloth yet we cannot make any Valluation thereon because the Musters of them are not here, whereby we are unable to Judge whether they come out equall or inferiour to the Musters, and this is y[e] report of.

THOM[S] : WAVELL Goedownk̃.
WILLIAM FRASER.
HENRY ALFORD.
ED : TREDCROFT.

And further the Goedownkeep[r] desires y[r] hon[r] : and Councill to take notice of, that whereas he has for these 3 or 4 months past, dayly called upon the merch[ts] : to bring in their Cloth to be sorted which they have frõm time to time excused, notwithstanding they had by them in ye goedown to the number of 1000p[s] of cloth besides 40700 neckcloths ordinary and fine which cloth if not presently brought in to be sorted, I hereby declare it altogether impossible to be done, timely for any ships departure this season for England.

THO : WAVELL Goedownkeep[r] :

THURSDAY 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] President & Governour

M[R] JOHN LITTLETON	M[R] THOM[S] : WAVELL
M[R] JOHN CHENEY	M[R] W[M] FRASER
M[R] WILL[M] : CAWLEY	M[R] THOM[S] GRAY.

The Indigo provided and bought in the former Presidency, which upon the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : prohibitting sending Any of that sort for England, we endeavour'd its Sale here, and putt of part of it to the Merchants, but not being able

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to dispose the rest and wanting Goods to compleat the Tonnage of this Ship, Tis orderd to be sent home, since the keeping it here will but decay and damnifie it, but we shall observe the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: orders in Sending no more Indigo except we can procure a better sort, wch we are in hopes of.

THO: GRAY.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{o} CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER
W^{M}: CAWLEY.

Generall from M^{r}: Charles Fleetwood at Chickacull of the 10th December 16
last, adviseing that the Seerlasscar have used many indirect and unlawfull means, by putting him in Irons & close imprisonment and the like, compelling him to give under his hand that the Goods there are all which were in ye factory, requesting the President & Councills Instructions how he should act therein upon the Nabobs arrivall there, wch is dayly expected.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MUNDAY 17

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Governour

JOB CHARNOCK	M^{R} JN^{o} LITTLETON
MR THOM^{S}: WAVELL	M^{R} FRA: ELLIS
MR JOHN CHENEY	M^{R} W^{M}: FRASER
MR WILL^{M}: CAWLEY	M^{R} THO: GRAY

MR JEREM: PEACHY.

According to an order of Consultation of the 11 Instant the President, Agent &c^{a} Councill being mett to debate and resolve upon the Agents &c^{a} returne to Bengall with a Europe ship and two or three countrey Vessells as large a stock as we can furnish them with, upon serious Considerations how pressing the Honble: Company are for it, and there being little doubt of a peace, all advices agreeing therein, which with the kind invitation and assurances of our worthy good freind the Nabob, We beleive it the Company's interest, and necessary that they doe goe downe but with this Proviso, that they trust nothing of their stock ashoar before they receive ye Mogulls Phyrmaund or the Generalls orders for it, but that our resolves thereon be deferrd till the arrivall of the Princess from China, by which time we hope to receive further orders or confirmation of the Peace from Bombay.

The Agent and his Councill were orderd to make up the Acc^{ts} of the Generall books and to deliver in an Invoice of their Goods &c^{a} brought from Bengall, which they have often been prest to, as also an Acc^{t}: of their Cash, and that they give in the true valluation of the Long boat & furniture rec^{d} of Capt Bonnell for the Comp^{as}: use in Bengall that he may be Satisfied for it.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
J^{o}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

A Letter from Porto Novo advises of the Sad news of the Loss of shipp Sta: 18
Cruse Senr: Alvaro Carcella Supra Cargo who Saild hence in September last, bound for Goa Surratt, Manilla &c^{a}: with a Considerable Cargoe, reporting to be

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taken by the Danes or Pyratts twixt Goa and Surratt, and that the Governour of Goa had Sent Six Vessells from thence in persuit of them.

Ship Dilligence belonging to Mr Daniel Chardin arrived this day from Bengall and brought letters from Mrss : Charles Eyre and Braddill att Dacca of the 16 : December and 6 Jany last, adviseing that they have endeavourd to come away thence, which they would have procured a Dustick for, but twas denyed them by the Nabob, since he has wrote to the King and endeavourd the accomodation of our differences wth him.

SATURDAY, 22

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR : President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY	MR THOMS GRAY.

Mr : Daniel Chardin delivering the following Petition to the President and Councill to permitt him the shipping off Bengall Goods for England upon the Rt : Honble : Compas : permissive tearms, wch : being read to the Councill, the President represented to them, the Honble : Compas : prohibition by the Chandos was grounded upon their conclusion of a Genll : Peace, and secure and currant trade and Settlement in Bengall, and that a quantity of those Goods would be sent them home by her to the prejudice of the sale of theirs, whereas the Honble Compa have no Bengall Goods by this ship and prohibit us to buy any here, therefore since all the conclutions failed, he proposed to ye Councill that it would be much to the Honble Compas Interest and advantage to permitt sending home Bengall goods upon the Permissive tearmes by the Chandos, rather then she should goe home dead freighted, which would thereby be much Saved, and possibly fill the ship, and be a certaine Gaine of 17 ℔ Ct to their honrs without the least hazzard or inconveniency, all which reasons being duely represented to the Councill, 'twas put to the Voate, but was carry'd in the negative, that they could not engage, that the Honble Compa would allow Bengall Goods sent home on the Chandos to be Permissive goods, it being otherwise declared by them, which Mr Chardin was acquainted with but that we had Liberty to lade them if he pleased but that he must Stand to their Honrs pleasure therein, and that we should recommend his case to them. Mr Chardin haveing also brought a quantity of Saltpeter, and we haveing no quintelledge goods here for another Ship, twas propos'd and left to the Councills consideration, whether we should buy it for the Compa to lade their following Shipps, being we shall be much in want thereof.

Mr Bryan one of the Honble Comps writer haveing been long time distracted to the great trouble and charge of this place, where all endeavrs and remedies have been used, and there being no hopes of recovery here, It is orderd that he be return'd home for England by Ship Chandos, where he may possibly find a Cure, being a Colder Countrey the Capt is therefore orderd to receive him aboard and give him good usage and accomadion [*sic*] and the Paymaster to disburse 20 Pags for cloaths &ca necessaryes for him and advise it home.

Mr John Afflack for himself and the rest of the Owners of Shipp Mindanoa, bringing us an accts from under the Warehousekeepers hand of the rect and weight of the Clove Bark deliverd him, which amounting to 1175c : 2qr : 3lb: which he desires to be paid for according to agreement, the Accomptant is therefore orderd to examine the same, and give in the amount thereof with his bill on next Consultation day; as also about the intrinsique vallue of the Pago there being Some dispute therein.

The President gave in his (reasons as tis entred before) to the Councill upon their exceptions against sending home the Porto Novo and Conimere goods, desireing their further considerations thereof, who returnd for answer that they continue in their former opinions.

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The President haveing for Severall years used his uttmost endeavours, and interest in this and other Countreys to invite and bring as many of the severall Casts of weavers to inhabit and Settle y^e families and trade in this town, to the great encreas and advantage of the Commerce and revenues of the towne, which have been considerably encreast thereby and haveing been long treating with the Janrawar Cast of fine weavers, perswaded near fifty familyes of them to come hither, to whom after haveing veiwd and allotted them ground seperate from the other Cast of weavers, to build on and other conveniencys for their trade and worshipp gave them a Cowle to confirme the same to them, and their heirs, as also for their liberties & priviledges as to the ceremonys of their Casts and Superstitious Worship, Tashereefing them and the Chiefs of the other Casts with Perpetuanoes, rosewater and beetle to make them freinds, and agree together, which they promised as also to bring a thousand families of the severall Casts of weavers to work here in their handicrafts, which we hope in time may so encrease, as this town may of itself be able to make the Honble Comp^as Investment in several Sorts of goods which is good Service.

ELIHU YALE
JOHN LITTLETON
THO : WAVELL
JN° : CHENEY
WILL : FRASER
W^M : CAWLEY
THO : GRAY.

M^r: Daniel Chardins Petition for sending home Bengall goods upon the R^t : Honble : Comp^as : Permissive tearmes Viz^t :

To the Honble : President & Councill.

May it Please your Honble : &c^a : whereas the Honble : Comp^a : have by their Indulgence granted to all Persons to send to England Bengall and China goods, w^th : other Permissive trade, upon their Ships on the tearmes and Conditions specified in their orders, upon which licence & encouragement I not being able to make returnes to my Correspond^ts : as directed of their consignements, embarked on the hazzardous Voyage, which with great trouble and charge I have effected, now bringing up with me severall sorts of those Bengall goods, proper only for Europe, but Since my arrivall I am acquainted with the surprizeing news off the R^t Honble Comp^as orders in prohibitting the said goods to be sent to England, by this ship Chandos Suddainly to be dispatch't home for the port of London, whereby my principalls in England, will suffer great disappointment and Loss.

Therefore I humbly entreat Your Honble & Councill that you would be pleased to take it into your Serious Considerations, either to buy the s^d Bengall goods of me, or permitt them to be laden on said ship Chandos, according to the order and Permission of the R^t Honble : Comp^a : published when I undertook the Voyage, which I reasonably beleive, will be approved off by the said R^t : Honble : Comp^a : being for their Interest and advantage, Since none of those Sorts of goods are to be sent home by this Conveyance.

Your Honble &c^a
Most humble servant
D. Chardin.

A Cowle granted to Arlum Goorlingham & Paumer Ragūa &c^a. fine Weavers of the Janrawar Cast for their Settlement & trade at Fort St George.

To all Whom these Presents may Concerne.

Wee the President & Councill of Fort S^t : George in the Citty of Madrass for Acc^t : of the R^t Honble English East India Comp^a upon the earnest desire & humble Petition of Arlum Goorlingham & Paumer Ragua &c^a fine Weavers of

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the Janrawar Cast, to be admitted to settle and habitt with their familyes & sett up & exercise their handicraft Trade of weaving, wth:in this Citty and Suburbs thereof. On due consideration whereof, and future benefitt and encrease of the Revenues of this place, Wee doe hereby for ourselves and Successors and in behalf of the R^{t}: Honble: Proprietors hereof give and grant to the said Arlum Goorlingham Paumer Ragua, and to all other Weavers of the said Janrawar Cast wth: their familys &c^{a}: that are at present here, or shall come hereafter, full liberty and freedome, to purchase build, and dwell in any part of the out town from the Janrawar street as farr as the River, to the Westward and to the uttmost of the R^{t}: Honble: Company's limitts to the Northward, and therein to have full liberty to follow their said trade and calling, and to have the free exercise of their Religion with its ceremonyes as also all other formalityes and Solemnityes of the Countrey musick with dutyes fire works &^{a}: accustomary at feasts weddings and burialls, or that are or have been used by any other Cast of Weavers formerly settled here provided the said ceremonies be only perform'd & acted within the said limitts from the s^{d} Janrawar Street, to the river and to our bounds to the Norward and noe where else to prevent difference with or offence to the other weavers or any other Casts whatever, Insigne and wittness whereof and for encouragement to the said newcome Weavers the Governour hath orderd a large well to be built & given them at his own propper cost and charge for a Land Mark or memoriall of these their Liberties and priveledges aforesaid. In further confirmation whereof we have hereunto sett our hands and the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Seale att Fort S^{t}: George in the City of Madrass this 22^{d}: day of February 16$\frac{89}{90}$.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILLIAM FRASER.
WILLIAM CAWLEY.
THOMAS GRAY.

MONDAY 24.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOM^{S} WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILL^{M} FRASER
MR WILL^{M} CAWLEY MR THOM^{S} GRAY

The second bringing the Acc^{t}: of the Clove bark, M^{r}: Afflack came to receive the amount of it, which he required might be paid him according to agreement at 8d ℘^{lb} and the Pag^{o}: at its intrincique vallue, which the Mintmaster reports to be usually at 8^{sh}: 7½^{d} ℘ pagoda but the President being concernd therein, told the Councill that it should be calculated at 9$^{sh.}$ ℘ pag^{o} which is accordingly orderd to be paid.

Mr. Cawleys acc^{ts}: read. M^{r}: William Cawley Storekeeper, his acc^{ts}: for the month of January were read and past.

Mistake in acct: to be rectified. The Honble: Comp^{as}: Shroff delivering an acc^{t}: under M^{r}: Wavell late Paymaster's hands of a mistake difference in exchange of the pag^{s}: in his time which appearing Soe by examination and amounting to Pag^{s}: 70 : 24 : fa : M^{r}: Cheney now Paymaster is orderd to discharge the same & charge it accordingly.

Mr: Chardins proposalls abt: Bengll: goods. Mr Chardins proposalls for sending home of Bengall goods upon the Honble: Comp^{as}: tearms of Permission was again offerd to the Councill as also ye Presidents reasons for sending home the Porto Novo & Conimere goods upon said

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considerations as also for a conclusion about the Agents &c[a]: returne to Bengall as soon as possibly, to all which proposalls they continue in their former opinions.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO WAVELL.
JN[o]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

Generall to Conimere of this dayes date accompanying one from the President to Rama Raja, treating about our priviledges in his Dominions and requesting an encrease thereof. 25 Letter to Rama Raja.

Generall from Conime[r]: of the 24th Instant adviseing that their Merch[ts]: doe not only refuse the takeing their bad goods again, but have likewise Stopt their hands from bringing any more in to clear their Contract, notwithstanding they have goods ready in their Goedown and that Gopull pundit continues very troublesome to them in the stoppage of the Hon[ble]: Companies buisness at Porto Novo for what reasons they know not As also that King Rama Raja hath sent the confirmation of our Cowle and priviledges for those parts which is expected to arrive in a day or two. Conimere Mercht[s] refuse to take their bad goods.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 26.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] President & Govern[r]
M[R] JHN LITTLETON M[R] THO WAVELL
M[R] JHN CHENEY M[R] W[M] FRASER
M[R] W[M]: CAWLEY M[R]: THO: GRAY.

Some persons desireing to know how much y[e] Premio would be for insurance by this ship for England, the Councill took it into Debate, what Premio to settle in regard of the danger of warrs in Europe whereupon twas agreed not to Insure by y[e] Hon: Company under 8 ℔ Cent and not to exceed more than 5000 Pag[s] which the Register of assurance M[r] Thomas Gray is orderd punctually to observe.

There being complaints of the Conacaply's that the English had enter'd Severall of the natives Goods in their own name, thereby to gaine the Peddanaigue &[a] petty dutys, which were appointed to them from the Settlement of this place for maintaining of the Peddanaigues charge of peons and watches, as also for the charge of the muskeets and Gentue Pag[s] which cannot subsist without it, The Customers are therefore orderd to see it duly paid and prevent such frauds for the future.

Generall to the R[t] Hon[ble] Company was read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[o]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W[M]: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

I do not think myself obliged to take notice of the Petenagues duty whether paid or not he having servants of his own of which I am none.

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8 Generall from Conimere of the 26 Instant adviseing y^{e} rec^{t}: of the Cowle from Jagranat Pontulo the day before the Presidents letter to Rama Raja arrived there which treated about the Said buisness which thev thought necessary to returne.

MONDAY 3

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Govern^{r}
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR W^{M} CAWLEY M^{R} THO GRAY.

The Generall to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} was read and approved.

Mr William Fraser paid into the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Cash for Customes rec^{d} the last month Pag^{s} 1703 which is ordered to be paid Mr Jno Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison charges.

Mr Jno Cheney Paymaster his book of Acc^{ts} for the month of February was read and past.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^{O}: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

A certificate deliverd Capt Jno Bonnell for the clearing two of his Seamen.

Capt John Bonnell haveing two Seamen aboard his Ship named George Seyle and William Powell who were desireous to Serve the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} in the Garrison, and haveing agreed with two other Seamen belonging to our Countrey Ships to Supply their places home he requested the President and Councill to permitt the exchange, which was granted him upon the foregoeing considerations.

By order of the President & Councill
WILLIAM PROBY Secy.

5 Ship Princess of Denmark, arrived from China.

A Ship and Sloop belonging to Mr Geor: Ramsden arrived from Vizagapatam.

THURSDAY 6

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Govern^{r}
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR W^{M} FRASER
MR W^{M} CAWLEY MR THOM^{S} GRAY.

The Agent &^{a} of Bengall this day paid into the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Cash Pag^{s}: 3119: 18: and 1193: rupees, which they report to be the ballance of their Bengall Cash.

Mr Thomas Grays Acc^{ts} of the Land Custō: for the month of february were read and past and paid into the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Cash Pag^{s} 140 as also Pag^{s} 1000 for Silver coyned in the Mint.

Capt. Haddocks accots: of freight with M^{r}.

Capt Joseph Haddock on the Princess arriveing yesterday from China twas discourst whether he could be unladen and Shifted time enough to be dispatch't for the Saveing of his Passage home, and being questiond thereon, he declared that the ship was so deeply laden and pesterd as would require Six weeks to unlade her, twas therefore resolved that the goods aboard the Chandos be continued and that the Warehousekeep^{r} hasten the rest aboard, and be dispatch't with all

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expedition, and that he do give publick notice thereof to all persons that are minded to lade China Goods upon the Honble: Compas: tearmes to give him acct thereof by Saturday night. The Capt; was also examined about his Performance of our Covenants and agreement with ye: freighters of Ship Princess, being enformed that he stayd many dayes longer then agreed on & he limitted to, who produceing his protest agst: the supracargoes for their detarding the shipp contrary to agreement, tho he also acknowledged that the detention of his Sails by the Governmt and other ill usages was a great reason thereof, which Mr Stileman & Mr Alvares gave in their answer to wth severall considerate reasons therein for their unavoyadable delay, encounterring many new and unsufferable injuries and impositions in their trade at Amoy upon pretended demands for the loss of their adventure by Mr. Barron which Mr. Sallway had imprudently given them hopes of recovering at Bombay, wth: many other disappointments, all which being duly considerd as also the tearms of agrement with them twas resolved that besides their 15000 Pags freightment and all other accidentall charges they were at about the Ship in China, they are to allow the Honble: Compa: Ten dayes demorage according to Charterparty rate at 16li.: 5sh. ℘diem which amounts to Pags: 361: 4 which they unwillingly submitted to, but hopeing their honr will returne it them in consideration of the unavoydable necessityes they were under wch if they had made a forcible departure of, it might have greatly redounded to the prejudice of the Honble Compa and future trade there.

Senr Gregorio Baroan &a Armenians in a Petition to the Councill, representing the priveledges they agreed upon in England with the Rt Honble Compa wherein they are to be equall with all other English as to the Libertyes and Customes of the place, they likewise requested to be free from all petty dutyes to the Peddanaique Towne Conacaplyes &a as the English are, they paying nothing more than the appointed Custo of 5 ℘ Cent with the accustomary fees, and tho this grant will be a great discouragement and lessning to the Peddanaiques duty, whereby he will be disunable to maintaine the usuall guards and watches he is oblidged to but it being the Honble Compas orders and agreement the Customrs are orderd for the future to exempt them from those petty dutyes.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

The Armenia Merchts Petition.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE ESQR
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR &A COUNCILL

The humbe Petition of Gregorio Paron &a: of the Armenian Nation.

Whereas the Rt: Honble: the English East India Compa: have been pleased to grant the free liberty and trade in these their Settlements to all of our Nation, and therein the full enjoyment of all priveledges of customes and other dutyes, the same as is allow'd to them of their own, which we desire Your Honr: and Councill would please to confirme to us here, for our greater encouragement, where-in will undoubtedly engage us all for our part to a Strict observance of the Contract.

And ever pray for Your Honr: & Councills prosperity.

Ship St: Thoma arrived this day from Manilla and brought a letter from 8.
Mr: Thomas Yale &a: adviseing that he had been at Canton for the procuery of a Chop for their trade, & ships comeing up to that rivers mouth which they had near effected wth: assurance of a kind and free entertainement for their buisness had not Capt: Heath contrary to order or expectation Moord his Ship at one of the Islands of Maccaw and would by no means be perswaded to remove thence, wch: occasiond the breaking ther Contract wth: the Merchant, and are doubtfull of gaining their passage to Persia.

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10 Generall from Conimere of the 6th: Instant Adviseing of Rama Raja's King of the Morattaes intention of Visitting those parts. And on account of useing his ceremonyes about the Eclipse of the Moon wash himself in the sea which possibly may occasion a Present from them wherein they desire to be directed.

WEDNESDAY 12

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR:	President & Governour
MR: JOHN LITTLETON	MR: THOMAS WAVELL
MR: JOHN CHENEY	MR: WILLM: FRASER
MR: WILLM: CAWLEY	MR: THOMS: GRAY.

Mr: Willm: Cawley Storekeepr: haveing been aboard ye Chandos, mustered and surveyed the ship, report her to have 122: well men [blank] dead & [blank] run away and yt: notwithstanding the Commander &ca: former calculation & report of her Tonnage Mr: Cawly tells us she wants near 80 Tonns of being full, wch: will be a considerable Loss to the Honble: Compa: & Mr: Barth: Rodriguez & Compa offering to lade upon her to the amount of 5 or 6000 Pags: in Permissive China goods if we would detain ye Shipp a few dayes longer to traverse ym: from ye Princess, in consideration whereof & yt: Soe much more may be procured from others in yt: time as may compleat her Tonnage; It is therefore thought fitt & orderd that she be not dispatcht before munday next.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

13 Passes to Ship Four brothers Capt: Samuel Rickson Commander bound for the Port of Atchein and Sloop Francis Capt: Harrisson Master bound for Porto Novo.

15 Ship Four Brothers sett saile this Evening for the Port of Atchein.

17 Deliverd Capt: John Bonnell Commandr: of ship Chandoss his dispatch for England.

Generall from Messr; Weldon and Navarro dated the [*blank*] of February last enformes of a certaine Peace concluded with the Mogull at his Camp at Bidree, and that the Phyrmaund was in a few dayes more to be Sent to the Generall &a: of Bombay and another for Bengall and butt Little probabillity of procureing one for this place.

Letter to Gopull Punditt Subidar of Porto Novo was read and approved reprehending him for his hindrance and abuses to the Rt Honble Companys buisness and Servants there. Soe desireing his forbearance thereof, otherwise he may chance to Suffer to his Cost, by complaining to the King for Justice.

19 Ship Chandos Capt John Bonnell Commander sett saile for England.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 22

ELIHU YALE ESQR	President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMAS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY, abst	MR WM FRASER
MR WM CAWLEY	MR THOMS GRAY.

The Presidents accts of the Rt Honble Compa Cash was read & past the ball amounting to P: 87092: 28.

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Mr : Thomas Wavells Warehouse book of Accts : for the months of January and February read & past paying into the Rt : Honble : Compas : Cash Pags : 18000, for Silver and goods sold in those months.

There lately arriveing a Generall letter from Messr : Weldon and Navarro from the Mogulls Camp at Bidderee which enformes us of a certaine Peace made with the Mogull, and that in fews dayes a Phyrmaund was to be sent to Bombay, and another hither for Bengall but doubted the procuery of one for this Place, by reason they had not our Originall Phyrmaunds and Cowles for the Mogulls perusall and Satisfaction in our rights & priviledges we enjoy, which they advise and desire us to dispeed by the first oppertunity to them and Bombay, which being a matter of great consequence Twas taken into debate, whether we should send them overland or not, in consideration of ye : danger therein, by reason of the Warrs and troubles in the Country, and also of the many great advantages and security, if we could now procure ye Mogulls Phyrmaund for this place, which they give us great hopes of, besides this oppertunity may Save the Honble : Company great charges therein, all which being seriously consider'd and debated, Twas putt to the Voat, and agreed to send two of our most favourable Phyrmaunds to the Gentleman at the Camp and to the Generall overland with all expedition, as also ye Tranlatiõ of them and all others with their Coppies to be attested by the Mulla and most of the ablest Moormen here.

Generall to his Excellency &ca : of Bombay and Messr : Weldon and Navarro at the Mogulls Camp were read and approved.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO : WAVELL.

I cannot consent to the sending the original of any our Phyrmaunds to the Camp only their Copies attested ... ... } WILL : FRASER.

WM : CAWLEY.
THO : GRAY.

Shipps James Capt : Henry Burton Commandr : and Dyamond Capt : Howell arrived this day from Pegue with Cargoes of Plancks, Tynn Oyle Jarrs &ca, there also arrived the new Morning Starr from Quedda wth Ellephants. 22

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 26

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR : President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON — MR THOMS WAVELL
MR [*blank*] — MR WILLM FRASER
MR WILLIAM CAWLEY — MR THOMS GRAY.

Ship Dyamond being arrived from Pegue with a Cargoe of Ellephants Teeth, Plancks Tynn Oyle, and Mortavan Jarrs, the Warehouse keeper is orderd to take them ashoar, as also the Europe goods and treasure returnd, that She may be despatch't to Porto Novo with as much Plancks and Oyle as the Bencolen friggot will require for fitting it being very scarce and deer there, and that the rest of the Ships and Vessells be hastned in their fitting to be dispatch't to Bengall or the West Coast.

There being severall criminalls in prison Tis orderd that the Quarter sessions be held on Tuesday next for their tryall, and the Attorney Generall's office being Vacant by Mr Duboise being Permitted to goe to his Family at Vizagapatam, It is orderd that Mr Jno : Brabone be appointed thereto and officiate therein this present Sessions, whose injenuity we doubt not will discharge it well. — Sessions to be held on Tuesday foll.

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Aldermen to be elected. Person reccomended.

There being also severall of the Aldermens places Vacant in the Corporation Tis agreed y^{t} Senr Alvaro defonseca be elected in the roome of Senr Domingo de Porto deceast and in the room of the Portuguezes, that have refused standing they make choice of the ablest Armenians they can gett in the citty, and Timmapa in ye place of Chinna Vencatadry deceast.

Europe goods to pay no customes.

There being complaints from the Merchants that Land Customes was demanded for Europe goods bought of the Honble Comp^{a}, wch haveing been the use of the place, but now by the Honble Companyes orders otherwise regulated, that itt may be an encouragement for the Vend of their Europe goods, the Land Customer is orderd to receive noe more Custome upon them.

Acct. of Remaines of goods &c^{a}. to be taken.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to take an Acc^{t} of all goods &c^{a} now remaining in the Godowne, not only of the quantity and sorts but the conditions of them, putting a right Valluation thereon, that they may be enter'd accordingly into this years books, and that the Storekeeper Minte Master Steward and all others that have anything under their charge doe also take a particular acc^{t} of them by the ℔^{mo} May next when the Generall books are to be ballanced.

ELIHU YALE.
JOHN LITTLETON.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

27 Pass to Sloop Francis Robert Masfen Commander.

28 Sloop Francis sett sail this day for Porto Novo.

29 Generall from Conimere adviseing the receipt of the 1000 Pag^{s} sent them overland.

31 Sloop Nathaniell belonging to Edward Bell Mast^{r} arrived this morning from Arrackan.

Shipp Maddapollam Wm Martin Master arrived from Porto Novo

APRILL TUESDAY ℔MO

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Govern^{r}

MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOM^{S} WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY MR W^{M} FRASER
MR WILL^{M} CAWLEY MR THOMAS GRAY.

Mr John Cheney his Paymasters Acc^{ts} of charges for the month of february was read and past. Vz.

Charges Garrison	Pags	1595 :	33 :	$\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Generall	,,	420 :	09 :	$\frac{3}{4}$
West Coast	,,	4	31 :	
Charges Dyett	,,	298 :	07 :	$\frac{7}{8}$
Factors Provisions	,,	150 :	14 :	
Conimere factory	,,	111 :	32 :	
Charges Cattle	,,	10 :	34 :	
Charges Merchandise	,,	26 :	27 :	
Charges Extraordinary	,,	70 :	— :	
Fortification & repairs	,,	334 :	35 :	$\frac{13}{16}$
	,,	3024 :	08	$\frac{15}{16}$

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Mr William Cawley Storekeepers his book of Accts for the month of february was read & past.

Orderd that Pags 2000 be paid Mr Jno Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison Charges, as also Pags 500 to Mr William Cawley for Provision of Stores &ca for the Rt Honble Compa Shipping.

Shipp Maddapollam being arrived from Porto Novo well repaired, She is orderd to remain here to be dispatch't with the Princess for Bengall, and that the Dyamond friggott doe touch at Porto Novo in her way to Indiapore and the planks oyle &ca design'd thither for the repairing of the Bencolen friggot in that river and thence to be with all expedition dispatch't for the West Coast with what assistance Stores and necessaryes we can conveniently Spare them from the Garrison.

Mr William Fraser Sea Customer his Accts of the Sea Customes for the month of December January and February were read and past and paid into the Rt Honble Companyes Cash P. 416 on that acct.

The Conimere Merchants being come hither as orderd, they were this day Sent for & Seveerly reprehended for their delayes in Complying with their last Contract, as also for their bringing in such ordinary Goods, as is Judg'd unfitt to be sent to England, to which they reply'd that the Warrs and great troubles and exactions in the Countrey with the late famine was not only the occasion of their delayes, but of their great loss too, notwithstanding which and many other discouragements, they had to the uttmost of their endeavours brought in the best Cloth the Countrey afforded, which they had deliver'd by Musters to the sorters att Conimere which cannot be expected should be equall to ours here since much cheaper, all which was replyed to with many other discourses. Upon due consideration and debate whereof both for the Honble Companyes disappointments and Merchants troubles and losses, twas by majority of Voates resolved, that the said Merchants either doe within Six months bring in and exchange their goods for better of the same sorts, according to the musters contracted or otherwise to forfeit the penalty of their obligation 25 ꝑ Cent according to their contract and bond and till Such time they bring Sufficient Security to engage their performeing the same and indemnifie the Honble Comp from any loss thereon, Tis orderd that Peons be putt upon them, to secure them here.

ELIHU YALE.

THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
WM: CAWLEY.
THO: GRAY.

Letter from Nabob Ally Asker Cawne to the President desireing his 5
Permission and favourable assistance to Some of his people that are comeing to this towne also encloseing a Coppy of Nabob Assud Cawnes Perwanna granted to the Dutch East India Company for the recovering of Severall debts owing to them.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY. 7

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governr

MR JOHN LITTLETON,	Sick MR THOMS WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	MR WILLM FRASER
MR WM CAWLEY	MR THOMS GRAY.

Wee Still designing the Princess of Denmark for Bengall, she being now unladen of her China Cargoe and wanting Kintelledge to Ballast her the Warehousekeeper is orderd to weigh off 700 Piggs of Lead and Send them aboard her.

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There being Severall Shipps arrived from Pegue with timbers, Mr Wm Fraser Sea Customer, desired to know of the Councill whether he must receive Custome for them, they haveing formerly been free for the encouragement and encrease of the place, which we also finding to be the Rt Honble Companyes orders to Bombay, It is therefore thought fitt and orderd that they still be free of Custome only paying the usuall fees thereon

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr Jno Cheney to defray the Garrison Charges.

Pegue Timbers being now very plentifull and cheap, it is judg'd a good oppertunity to make a foot draw bridge over the river nearest the fort for the conveniency of bringing in provisions in time of Seige or raines also for goeing over to ye Powderhouse, and many other benefitts to the Compa and towne, wch will in a few years recompence ye charge wch by calculation will not exceed 200 Pags.

The Sallary to ye Honble Compas Servts being due ever since ye 25 last month, the Accomptt is orderd to draw the acct thereof, yt it may be pd accordingly.

Mr Thos Gray Land Customr haveing for his better knowledge of ye Chowtry buisness perused the books & Accts of his Predicessor Mr Cawley, wherein he now acquaints us, that he much doubts there is many errors if not frauds to the Rt Honble Compa prejudice, instanceing severall, but ys being a buisness of weight, yt imports the Honble Compas right & Mr Cawlys reputation, wch requires a strict examination, Mr Gray is therefore orderd to draw up his charge in writeing, yt Mr Cawley may give answer thereto, after wch both to be impartially examined and determined.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.

I have recd Customes upon Timbers, as for goods & merchandiz and brought it to acco: ... ... } WILL: FRASER.

The Govrs Ship is lately come from Pegu wth Timbers ... ... } THO: GRAY.

7. Ship George Capt Thomas Lacy Commander arrived this day from Pegue.

10. Letter from Gopall Punditt at Porto Novo to the President, adviseing of Rama Raja's intentions of Visitting those parts of Porto Novo Tevenepatam Conimere &a and that it would be a good oppertunity to accomodate our trade to content by Sending Some Suitable persons wth Presents to treat with him, with many other favourable expressions and advices.

MONDAY 14

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President Governr

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THO WAVELL
MR [*blank*]	MR WM FRASER
MR WILLM CAWLEY	MR THO GRAY.

Mr Thomas Gray delivering in his charge against Mr William Cawley, who also gave in his answer thereto, the Councill proceeded upon its examination, wherein the first Article relateing to an errour in Mr Cawlys Acct of the Land Customes Pags 11 short charg'd upon the Customes of 118 Peices of broad cloth enterd by John Stevenson, who deposes upon Oath that he paid the Said William Cawley for custome and fees Pags 50: 29: which Mr Cawley do not deny to have received, but that through multiplicity of buisness or else the Error or abscence of the black Cashkeepr he brought noe more to Acct then Pags 36: 04: 92: and he is ready and willing to pay the mistake.

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To the Second Article about Mr Wm Cawleys buying Cables to Supply the Rt Honble Companies Shipping, Mr Cawley alledges that he Bought thẽ with his own money, when the Company had noe occasion, and that he Sold some to severall other people, and when the Compa had occasion for them he supplyed them at the markett Price, but upon examination, Mr Gray proves according to his charge, that Mr Cawley has gained 25 ꝑ Ct on whatever he has Sold the Honble Compa when at the same time Mr Cawley might have bought ym cheaper, Mr Cawley also acknowledges that the President never denyed him money to supply the Company with Stores or anything under his charge they might have occasion for.

The next article treating about a ꝑcell of Dammer, Mr Cawley bought of Mr Rodriguez in September last, as he says for his own Acct at P. 6 : 12 : ꝑ Candy and that on the 27 of said month he sold it to the Honble Compa for Pags 8 ꝑ Candy, which appears to be true, as ꝑ Mr Cawleyes acct deliverd in the Second of October last, Whereas Mr Cawley to justifie or excuse himself in this matter, alledges that he acquainted the President with the cost thereof, and that he had his consent to Sell it to the Honble Company at 8 Pags ꝑ Candy the first of which, the President utterly denyes, and affirms he does not remember the other, tho possibly he might say, that if the Honble Company had occasion for Dammer, or any other stores, he might buy it as cheap as he could at the markett price, but upon examination, we find that ye Same Sort of Dammer was Sold the 23 : of July by Mr William Fraser to the Owners of the James at Pa 6½ ꝑ Candy, and Mr Fraser also declares that upon perusall of his Acct he offerd him it att under 6½ Candy, wherein it appears, that Mr Cawley has bin very faulty in the managemt of his buisness for his particular Interest contrary to the many instructions and advices given him by the President for his faithfull discharge thereof.

As to the last Article of Mr Gray's charge about takeing money from the severall masters and officers of the Rt Honble Compas Shipping not only voluntarily but pressing it from ym which appears only in George Herron, Mastr but the rest they freely gave it him for his favour in their buisness with him.

And whereas Mr William Cawley affirms in his answer he bought these things for his owne acctt, it plainly appears that he had and might have had money to buy what the Honble Company had occasion for, at cheaper rates ; and not at second hand from himself upon great advance.

Upon examination and due consideration of Mr Thomas Grayes Charge against Mr Willm Cawley late customer and Storekeeper, wherein by many notorious instances, it plainly appears that hee has bin unfaithfull to his trust, preferring his own private avarice and interest before his reputation or the peace of a good conscience, for which repeated offences, Wee doe according to the Right Honble Companyes printed and often repeated written orders suspend him from any trust in the Rt Honble Compas Service, till their honrs are acquainted with his actions, and we receive their further orders concerning him, but that his sallary place, and allowance be continued to him till then.

And his Accts appearing very irregular and full of mistakes both as to Stores and other disbursements, which the President cannot att present so well enquire and examine into, Mr John Littleton the Accomptant and Mr Thomas Wavell are therefore orderd carefully to examine his books and accts and draw up an account of what he has over charged the Rt Honble Company either in the buying or Selling of their Stores or in any other charges or expences whatever and that he doe pay the ballance thereof into the Rt Honble Compas Cash within fourty dayes after the proof of sd Accts or otherwise that he be dismist the Honble Compas Service.

The Storekeepers employment being now vacant, Mr John Pitt of Merchants Standing and of good experience in the Honble Companys Service is appointed

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Provisionall Storekeeper to officiate that place accordingly and that he receive the remaines of the Stores &c^a^ from Mr William Cawley, who being called & acquainted therewith, promises to discharge the trust wth all dilligence, and fidellity.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper paid into the R^t^ Honble Companyes Cash Pag^s^ 3000 for goods &c^a^ Sold by him out of the R^t^ Honble Companyes Godowne last month.

Senh^r^: Gregorio Paroan, Joseph demark &^ca^ Armenia Merchants desireing our confirmation of Senh^r^ Cojee Panuce his contract with the R^t^ Honble Company in England, but he haveing only its Coppy transmitted to us It is therefore orderd for their further Satisfaction that a confirmation of Said agreement be made and given them under the R^t^ Honble Companyes large Seale for ourselves and Successors as is enterd next after this Consultation.

Many of the Inhabitants complaineing of the greatness of the fees in the Mayors Coart, which the Mayor was advised to regulate and lessen to as little as possibly he could, being for the encouragement and benefitt of the place & poor, to have Justice cheap and free.

Elihu Yale.
Tho Wavell.
Will Fraser.
Tho Gray.

A Confirmation of the contract with ye Armenia Merch^ts^ in London Vz.

To all Persons whom these Presents may concerne.

Wee the President and Councell of Fort St George and Citty of Madrass, for Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Honble English East India Company have and doe for ourselves and Successors engage to observe the contract and agreement made between the Said R^t^ Honble Company and Cojee Panuce Callendar &^a^ armenians Merchants in England for themselves and all others of their Countrey and nation as ℘ Coppy of said agreement sent us hither and also deliverd to Senr Gregorio Paroan & severall other Armenian Merchants of this Citty, whereby they are not only invited to Settle and trade here, and live and be as free therein a[s] any English whatever, paying only 5 ℘ Cent, Cust^o^ to the said R^t^ Honble Company, and nothing to Peddanaique, Towne Connacaply, muskeet Pagoda or any other petty Custome or duty whatever, nor any other Taxes or Customes then what all English Inhabitants do or shall for the future Pay, besides which Wee hereby also promise and confirme all other liberties and priveledges Specified in their Said contract with the Honble Comp^a^ and to assist & encourage them to our power both in their trade religion & libertyes to induce as many as possible of their nation to come and Settle here with their familyes and estates for the good and comfort of themselves & improvement of the place, hereby engageing constantly to give them all due & freindly respects & civillityes, dated at fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 10th Aprill ann^o^ 1690.

Elihu Yale.
Willm Cawley. John Littleton.
Thomas Gray. Thomas Wavell.
John Cheney.
Willm Fraser.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehouskeepers opinion and Stateing the Damages on the Conimere Cloth, now remaining in the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Godowne Vz:

Whereas the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ in a late Generall letter ℘ the Chandos, blames Mr John Littleton Quondum Warehousekeep^r^ for his not stateing the damages on Mr Davis's ill sortment of the Cuddalore Cloth which with Submission to your Hon^rs^ &^a^ I think is caution sufficient to deterr me from falling

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into the like error, Since I am now under ye same circumstances as my predicessor Mr Littleton was by the ill Sortment of the Conimeer and Porto Novo Cloth, which tho I cannot make an exact Computation of the Damages for want of the Musters, yet I think it my duty, according to the best of my Judgement, to acquaint Your honrs &ca the damages the Honble Compa have susteind by the ill Sortment of 518 Bales Callicoes now lying in our Goedownes to the Vallue of Pags 15907 cannot amount to less then Six thousand five hundred Pagodas, which Seems to me to be as equitable and Just a computation as any indifferent Person can make without the musters were here for his better goverment and this is the opinion of

Thoms: Wavell Warehouskeepr·

That my Honble Masters may be satisfied I have discharged my Duty herein I desire this may be registerd in Consultation.

Letter from Mahomed Allebeage Nabob of the Mogulls forces from Puna- 17
mallee to ye President.

The President &ca meeting this Evening in Councill to consider of Nabob Alle beagues request of comeing to reside in this place for 10 or 15 dayes, till the troubles of the Countrey are little over or the arrivall of Jol fautier Cawne at Conjevorom when he shall leave the place whereupon twas thought fitt and agreed to grant him therein but that his comeing in be as private as possibly.

Ship Rosa belonging to Senr Augustine Hart arrived this morning from 22
Atchein.

MUNDAY 27

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE President & Governour

MR JOHN LITTLETON	MR THOMS WAVELL
CAPT JOSEPH HADDOCK	MR [*blank*]
MR WILLM FRASER	MR THOMS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summon'd.
Mr John Cheney *sick*.

Discourst about Mr Thomas Wavell and one other of the Warehousekeepers Assistants goeing down to the Southward beyond Porto Novo to provide Coarse goods, but nothing resolved therein till we have treated further with our Merchants here and know their finall resolution about another Investment.

They adviseing the want of money at Conimere for their expences, Garrison Charges and other occasions, Tis orderd that 1000 Pags be sent them over-land.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper read his book of Accts for the month of March, and pd into the Rtt Honble Companyes Cash Pags 7000 for Goods &a Sold out of the Warehouse.

Mr William Fraser Sea Customer read His book of Accts for the month of March and paid into the Rt Honble Company's Cash Pags 1157 for Custome received that month.

Orderd that Pags 50 be advanc't to the Powder Maker for provision of powder for the use of the Garrison.

The Merchants were again sent for to treat about our last Contract & commenceing a new one, wherein we repeated our former offers of advanceing of 5 ℘Cent upon the former prices and Sorts of goods contracted for the last year, also to give them $\frac{2}{3}$ ready money and $\frac{1}{3}$ Europe goods, but after long Stories and complaints of the danger and troubles in the Countrey, and the difficulty of procureing Goods, they were told wee could wait no longer for their resolutions then Saturday next by which time, they were orderd to bring it in writeing, and that if they could not undertake to Invest the Compas Stock we must be forc't to

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Send Somewhere else to procure goods to lade home their Shipping, wch : they promise their uttmost endeavours for and give in the true state of what has Succeeded in their late Contract.

The President mynding Mr Littleton of the bringing up the Generall books and that he had not read anything of them in a great while returnd for answer. That Mr Wavell had not given him any Acct of the Warehouse since June last, which was the reason they were behind hand, which Neglect Mr Wavell is orderd to recover as Soon as possibly.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

Generall from Conimere of the 24 Instant adviseing of occurrances in those parts.

27 This Evening arrived 2 Cossetts with Letters from Agent Harris &a at Surratt bringing the sorrowfull news of our Generall Sr John Childs death, which they fear their Enimyes may take advantage of by delaying the conclusion of the Peace, or make Some other attempts upon them, which they are well provided against, and remaines in a very good posture of Defence, there came also enclosed Coppys of the Severall letters and papers they received from the Embassadors at ye Mogulls Coart of their Negotiations there.

TUESDAY 28

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAY

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governour
MR JOHN LITTLETON MR THOMAS WAVELL
CAPT JOS HADDOCK MR [*blank*]
MR WILLM FRASER MR THOMS GRAY.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.
Mr John Cheney *sick*.

Last night the President received the sad News from the Agent &ca : at Surrat of our worthy Generalls Sr John Childs his decease the 4th : of february last, which we doubt will prove an unhappy Loss to the Rt : Honble : Company and theer Affaires in those Parts, but as yet wee can say little therein, more then our Sorrowfull resentments for the deprivation, expecting a more particular Account from the Camp by the Saphir friggot, which is Suddainly designed to be dispatch't hither, and in the meantime to express our due respects and Sorrow for the Loss of soe good and worthy a Person the President desires the Councill to habit themselves in Mourning and orderd the Minister to prepare a funerall sermon on that occasion on thursday next, with all other Solemnityes due to soe eminent a Person and Station.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

30 Generall from Conimere of the 27 Instant adviseing of the Governour of Pollicat calling in at their factory, desired he may remaine there till a conveyance by Sea offerd for Negapatam, which was granted him wth many other kind Wellcomes and respects shewd him.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MAY THURSDAY ℔MO.

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President & Governr:
Mr: [*blank*] Mr: THOMAS WAVELL
CAPT: JOSEPH HADDOCK Mr: [*blank*]
Mr: Willm: FRASER Mr: THOMs: GRAY.
The Councill being duely summond.
Mr: Jno: Littleton & Mr: John Cheney *sick.*

The Rt: Honble: Compas: Merchants were ys: day sent for againe to treat of concludeing their old & engage upon a new contract, who came before the Councill, deliverd their answer in the following Paper enterd next after this Consultation, wherein they first represent the many obstructions and Losses they mett with in the last Investment, occasion'd by the late & continued Warr and famine to the distruction or remove of most of the Weavers, as also the charge of Government made Goods extreame scarce and dear, they nextly complaine of the loss upon the Europe goods they took in part, and Sold 30: ℔ Cent cheaper then it cost them, and lastly that they could not by any means engage upon another Contract, except the Councill would engage that the Rt: Honble: Company should runne all hazards and losses of their trade in the Countrey, which being a new and most unreasonable proposall we could not consent thereto, it being also contrary to the Rt Honble Companyes orders, who expressly forbidd trusting their Stock out in the Countrey, but in consideration of the Scarcity and deerness of goods we offerd upon a new Contract to advance five ℔Cent on the former prices, and give them ½ ready money ¼ Silver & ¼ Goods att market prices, wch they would by noe perswasions accept of, So were dismist wth reprehensions for their backwardness.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA COUNCILL.

Your Honr &a haveing often prest us to the Performance of our former Contract and blamed our delayes therein, requireing our engagement upon a new one in answer thereto We humbly offer, ye following Acct and reasons to your prudent Considerations, Wee having for many Years past Served the Honble Company, formerly makeing our Joint Stock 50000 Pags by which contract, Wee were considerable loosers, discourageing us So much that we have not the least thoughts of adventureing on another, but Your Honrs &a promiseing us future encouragement, we engaged for 15000 Pags' on our Joint Stock Anno 1688, and to provide Your Honr &a with an Investment of 40000 Pags which we undertook purely on your Honrs &a promises of encouragement, that we might in part regaine our former losses and disappointments, ordering 20 Merchts with Connacaplyes and Peons to ten Severall ports for the provision of Cloth, some small time after they advised us, that they were in a very fair way of effecting their desires, but the Mogulls visitting these parts, together with the late Sadd mortality and famine put a great Check thereto, by the Weavers goeing to other parts, which forc't us to Sollicite their returne by promiscing them houses loomes Yarne and money beforehand in those hazardouse times when Yettamattarau Timapa a Generall of the Mogulls was at Corrapaw, the Marattaes in the interim sent Vittala Billarau Gopall Punditt &a to Conjevoram to robb and plunder that Government, afterwards taking it upon themselves which made very ill for our Investment, but the Mogull hearing yt he sent down Arsoma Naique and Mahamud Saudeek with 3000 horse and 10000 foot to oppose the Morattaes, whose sallying out drove them as far as Wandawassee and Chittaputt, soon after

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Yettamuttaraw was turnd out, and Joan Shercawn put in his place, Basherad Cawn Succeeded him and him Mahomed AllyBeag, who came with a considerable force, plundering the Countrey and burning the towns to Teranomilla and Chingee in the midst of these distractions, the renters prest hard for money of the Inhabitants, but piscashing the Governours Polligars &ª we manag'd our buisness as well as could be expected as times then Stood, not regaurding our many losses and disappointments but cheifly our Creditts in performing the Contract of the 10000 Pag^s^ we receivd of your Honrs &ª in Europe goods and 5000 in Silver on the sale thereof we made here but 12000 the ready money was 15000 and our Stock but 14100 in all makes 41100 charges and wages deducted with residue we have provided Cloth, part of which comeing by Chenomonaiques pollem was there robd and Seized on to the amount of 500 Pag^s^ we formerly acquainting Yo^r^ Hon^r^ &ª thereof, besides dureing these troubles Severall weavers rann away with our money, soe that every way we are loosers, but since we are your Merchants, twas not the many losses & troubles we then consider'd, but rather Studyed to compleat our Contract, which at length not w^th^out much difficulty we have effected, and brought the full quantityes in the Goedownes, besides which there was 150 P^s^ Long cloth & Sallamp^rs^ deliver'd the Washermen, which was stolen and not the least Satisfaction made us for it, we also gave them in the time of famine great quantity of rice for Conjee, they complaineing they had not Sufficient for that purpose from the Company, but the Washermen soon after left this place when we invited their returne from Severall parts, sending peons and batta beforehand, wch we effected and lost money there too, as also by the seveer Sortment of our Cloth, the Gentlemen employ'd therein haveing no consideration of the great difficulty we had in the procureing it, but only regarded to their own praises in out doeing each other to our great loss, which wee have often acquainted Your Hon^rs^ &ª with, but have had noe redress therein to our great discouragement, they haveing at that rate received & packt up Goods to the amount of Pag^s^ 29500 & odd besides which, there are many Ginghams and neckcloths ready to be sorted, and all the turned out Cloth, which they have lockt up in the Goedown refuseing either to take it or to deliver it to our dispose, the Present troubles and revolutions in the Country is such, that which side soever gets the Victory, they will plunder, and ransack ye houses Men, women, and what else they meet with, soe ravenous are they grown, none escapes them, of late one Bramenee Bundalelashy is come to Conjevoram and has rented said Countrey, forceing money from Merchants, Weavers &ª therefore they have all relinquisht that place some comeing here and others absconding in the woods. The Morattas also at Chingee force money from the people there, for defraying the charges of the Army, which has made them leave that Place too, as the others, which the Dutch and french considering of, forbad their Merchants provideing any more goods, The Sadraspatam & Tevenepatam Merchants complaining to the Dutch of their losses, They forthw^th^ advanc't them 15 ℔ Cent, notwithstanding which they could perform their Contract, whereupon the Dutch orderd them to desist from any further provideing, however tho we have had no such encouragement, yet next to God wee alwayes trusted you would have some considerations for our faithfull services, which has been a great inducement of procureing what we have, not farr hence is a great Naiques priviledg'd towne, where weavers are provideing Manilla Cloth, w^ch^: they sell at P 1 : ℔ p^s^: the punjum of which being 12 or 12½ the same Cloth if carry'd to Porto Novo yeilds 30 Pa : ℔ Corge ; the Countreys Adawanne & Guttum, whence comes all the Cotten, and Cotten Yarne is embroyled in Warr, and troubles, which is the reason that none comes from thence and what remained in these parts is all spent, but Your hon^rs^ &ª: are well acquainted w^th^: these parts, what we have here related to Your Hon^rs^ &ª is truth, tho short of our many troubles, On the Callicoes we have deliverd our loss therein is Pag^s^: 3500, also on your Silver and Europe goods 3000 : in all 6500 Pag^s^: which accounts according to your hon^rs^ &ª rules is kept by four Conacaplyes for y^t^ purpose Twas your Hon^rs^ &ª order and appointment y^t^: the Acc^t^: Should be made up

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once in two Years, wch: time is now expired, therefore we hope your honrs: &a: will order the remaining Cloth to be received and then the Accts: to be made up accordingly, after which with all due regaurd to the many troubles of the Countrey, if Your Honrs: &a: commands us in any thing, we shall readily obey it to the uttmost of our powers, provided the Honble: Compa: runns the risgoe of our trade in the Countrey from their Warr wth: ye Mogull These things considered we hope Your honrs: &a: will please to give us some encouragement, for which we shall alwayes pray for yr: honrs: &a: health & happyness, as tis our bounden duty so to do.

Att a Consultation

Monday 5

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr: President & Governour
Mr: [*blank*] Mr: Thomas Wavell
Capt: Josp: Haddock Mr: [*blank*]
Mr: Willm: Fraser Mr: Thomas Gray
The Councill being duely summond.
Mr: Littleton & Mr: Cheney *sick.*

The Rt Honble Compas Merchants haveing last Consultation day given in their finall resolution abt undertakeing a Contract for the Honble: Compa: wherein they are possitive they will not engage on any wth: out the Honble: Compa will run the hazard and Risgoe of their trade in the Countrey, which being an unreasonable and preposterous a proposall that we can by no means agree to it, first from the many pretences and charges they may make therein to the Honble: Compas great prejudice by magnifying their losses as they please, and next that ye troubles of the Countrey dayly encreasing we are really of opinion, that it will be very hazardous tradeing in the Countrey, haveing dayly many ill examples thereof by robberyes Seizure and obstructions, the Conimere Merchants refuseing also to engage upon another Contract, and the Porto Novo Merchants being also much behind hand in their Last, and by late advices we hear that goods are extreamly scarce & dear to the Northward both at Pettipollee Metchlepatam and Maddapollam. Longcloth reported to be at 40 Pags: ℔ Corge, so that we are at a great loss, how to employ the Honble Compas large Cash now by us to their advantage, in goods according to their orders for the ladeing their Shipps home, and haveing try'd all these parts without the least hopes of Success, there remaines no other at present, but to dispose our Silver for the bay, and Send some of our Councill beyond Porto Novo, where we hear Course goods are procureable, and Mr John Littleton and Mr John Cheney being both ill at present, Tis agreed and orderd that Mr Thomas Wavell do goe on that designe, he being willing thereto, haveing little buisness in the Warehouse, and that he do take for his Assistants, Mr Heny Alford and Mr Francis Charlton, and that ye President do draw up his Instructions for the direction and management of the buisness, and enquiries about the purchase of Tegnapatam fort a strong commodious place, which we hear the King is willing to dispose of and that the Dutch and french are very buisy In treating about, therefore necessary for us to interpose either to buy it or make it dear for them.

The factors appointed and willing to goe to the West Coast, desireing Some money may be advanc't for their necessaryes, Tis order'd that 100 Pags be paid them on Acct of their Sallarys Viz to Mr Moody Pags 40 : to Mr Mabb Pags 40 : to Mr Kennidee P 20 and for their supply and encouragement the Storekeeper is orderd to lade what Stores and provisions are necessary for their Voyage.

The Councill haveing resolved not to dispatch the Princess for Bengall, before the receipt of the Mogulls Phyrmaund or news from Bengall of the certainty thereof, which we doubt will make her too late to have time enough to invest the large Stock of Silver, we have kept and intended for her, and Silver bearing a very great price at present, the Warehousekeeper, is orderd to dispose of Ten Chests at

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the rate of 15½ doller weight of Standerd Silver ℔ 10 Pag^s which will be a great encouragement to the China trade, and consequently to the Revenues of the place.

Mr Thomas Gray Land customer his books of accts of the Land Customes for the months of March and Aprill was read & past and paid 590 Pags into the Rt Honbls Compas Cash Viz.—

MARCH.

Land Customes of ye Chowltry	Pags :	176 : 19 : 61
Register of Slaves	,,	3 : 06 : —
Land Customes	,,	6 : 00 : 51
Ruby brokers	,,	— : 12 : —
	Pags :	186 : 2 : 28
Charges deducted ...		1 : 23 : —
		184 : 15 : 28

FOR THE MONTH OF APRILL.

Land Customes	Pags :	66 : 21 : 79
Chowtry Customes	,,	314 : 31 : 16
Ruby brokeridge	,,	26 : 02 : 55
		407 : 19 : 66
Charges deducted ...		1 : 14 : —
	Pags :	406 : 05 : 66

Orderd that Pags 1590 be paid Mr Jno Cheney Paymaster to defray the Garrison charges.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

This day Received advice of the arrivall of three Danes Ships at Trincambar with a large Stock & a new Commissary, reporting them to have had a most tedious Passage of near 14 months from Denmark, bringing the news of the differences in Europe as also coppys of the King and Queen of Englands &a declaration of Warr against the King of France.

6 Pass given to Sloop Success John Dunkin Mastr being bound for the Islands of Quedda and Junkseloane.

WEDNESDAY 7

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR : President and Governour
MR : [*blank*] MR : THOMS : WAVELL
CAPT : JOSP : HADDOCK MR : [*blank*]
MR : WILLM : FRASER MR : [*blank*]
The whole Councill being duely Summond.
Mr : Littleton Mr : Cheney & Mr : Gray *sick.*

Instructions to Mr : Thomas Wavell and Mr : Henry Alford were read and approved, but contrary to expectation, notwithstanding his former willingness Mr : Wavell now peremptorily refuses to goe on that Affair, on pretence of the danger of travelling, which there being little reason for the President told him, that Since he had formerly freely consented thereto, and has given us so much trouble to prepare for it, and it also being a buisness of absolute necessity by reason of our disappointment of Goods here and to the Northward, and most of the Councill, being either Sick or their buisness would not so well permitt their goeing as his who had little or nothing to doe in the Godown, but notwithstanding all these reasons he very resolutely persists in his refusall to Serve the Company herein, whereupon the Governour declared that his denyall to serve the Rt :

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Honble: Comp^{a}: in their occasions upon the President and Councill order was a dischargeing himself of their Service and that he ought not to eat their bread for nothing, which is left to their Hon^{rs}: to determine.

ELIHU YALE.

August 5; 1690.
In Complyance to ye Honble: Comp^{a}: ord^{rs}: I signe this Consultatc̄on: & own my Willingness in goeing to ye Southward, but on Mature consideraçon: I altered my mind, Intirely beleiveing it wo^{d} bee an unnecessary Charge, neither would any advantage have accrued to ye Honble: Comp^{a}: thereby, & y^{t}: I apprehended it nothing more y^{n}: a Wilde goose Chase to justify ye ill actions of Some Subtle ffoxes ... ... — THO: WAVELL.

That M^{r}: Wavell at first consented to go is Very trew but was never put to the Votes but that he had Little or no business of the R^{t}: H: Comp^{as}: to do in his Charge appeares oy^{r}wise he haveing sold more Europe goods than any of his Predecessors for the time, & further I do declare that the President wholly & soly without the Votes or Consent of the Council turn'd M^{r}: Wavell out of the Comp^{as}: Service and said he would answer his so doing to y^{e}: H: Comp^{a}: this is truth W.F. ... ... — WILL: FRASER.

COMMISSION & INSTRUCTIONS TO M^{R}: THOM^{S}: WAVELL & M^{R}. HENRY ALFORD FOR THEIR JOURNEY TO THE SOUTHERN FACTORYES &C^{A}:

Noe goods being procureable here or to the Northward upon any reasonable tearmes, to invest the R^{t} Honble: Companyes with us, according to their order for the ladeing home their Shipping, and haveing used our uttmost endeavours to perswade and oblige our Merchants, to engage upon a new Contract which they now possitively refuseing, Wee have no other means or remedy left, then to try what goods may be brought or made to the Southward of Porto Novo, where we are informed there is greater plenty and much cheaper then in these parts, as also by a late letter of invitation from Bouhojee Gungada to a Settlement & trade in his Government. We therefore Mr Littleton and Mr Cheney being Sick and Mr Wavell little to doe in the warehouse, have made choice of You to goe to enquire and treat thereon, after you have fully enformed yourselves, in all things relateing thereto which upon Your Advice, which we desire may be as Suddaine and particular as possible, we shall give you our further orders therein and Supply you with such a Stock and Assistance as the buisness shall require, and that you may be Successfull therein we limit you to noe place, Merchants or other Persons, where or with whom you may effect ye buisness, and therefore we advice you to treat with the french & dutch Merchants at Pollicherry, Tevenepatam, Cuddalore, Porto Novo and Trimlevas engageing with those that will Serve the Honble Company best, but Trimlevas is the place now cheifly recommended to us, those Merchants haveing also formerly offerd their Service for the provision of Course Goods and pepper, besides we hear the french upon the news of their Warr with the Dutch &^{a}: have relinquisht their Contracts with those Merchants, for a considerable quantity of Longcloth &^{a}. which we hope you will meet with and purchace, that we may be able to lade and dispatch a Shipp home in September next which we are extreamly desireous of and will be an acceptable Service to our R^{t}: Honble: Masters, therefore pray have a speciall regaurd thereto.

We also order you to hasten our Merch^{ts}: at Conimere and Porto Novo to a conclusion of their Investment and to receive and Sort their goods from them, there remaining about the amount of 4000 Pag^{s}: at Conimere and Pag^{s}; 2400 at Porto Novo which will require no great time or trouble, but be sure keep them to their Musters, to avoyd further troubles and disputes therein.

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We likewise Authorize and order you to examine the Accts: Management and expences of those ffactoryes and advise us of any neglect, extravagancy or irregularityes there, that we may the better regulate them, and we hereby require all persons there in the Rt: Honble: Compas: Service to respect obey and assist you therein.

You must also enform your Selves in ye state of that Countrey Government, their actions and designes, but cheifly about Tevnepatam fort near Cuddalore, as to its Scituation, strength & conveniency for the Rt: Honble: Compa; they being very desireous of a Fort in those parts, which never was more necessary then now, the Mogull being likely to be conqueror of these parts, notwithstanding the present rebellion, and therefore the Rt; Honble; Compas interest to have a fortifyed Settlement in those parts, under another Goverment, as well for the Safety and Supply of that as the security of their future trade in these parts, and we hear that Rama Rajas occasions now incline him to Sell it, and that the Dutch and french are treating wth; him about it, the President has therefore wrote to Pumlapuntoloo, Cheif Minister of State, & some other freinds to interpose and procure it for the Rt; Honble; Compa; offering as much as they will give with 2000 Chucraras Piscash to himself for his freindship therein, Coppy of which letters we herewth: deliver you by which you may mannage yr Selves accordingly, but must be very private therein, since the appearing publickly will but agravate ye dutch to a chargeable opposition, it Standing within gun Shott of their factory, and therefore will endeavour to prevent our possessing it.

In your whole Journey and negotiation, wee would have you very observing of every thing that may be materiall to the Rt Honble Company's affaires and to keep a Dyary thereof, and your transactions with a particular Account of your charges and expences, which pray let be as frugall as the buisness will permitt and the Honble Campa reputation requires often adviseing us of occurrances, that we may the better direct you therein So wishing you health and Success we date these presents at fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this 7th of May anno 1690.

ELIHU YALE.

Mr John Littleton dyed ye Evening.

9 Ship Rebecca Capt John Hampton Commander arrived this morning from Persia with Mr Hattsell and Mr Barwell upon her bringing advice of the Success friggots Safety.

Pass to Ship new morning Starr belonging to Senr Barth Rodrigoes &a whereof Armiger Goslin is Commander.

10 This morning arrived a Deans Man of Warr From Trincambar, lately came from Europe who brought a letter from Capt James Thwaites of the 24 January last at the Cape of good hope where he was occasiond to putt in for water haveing had a great cakage thereof in his Voyage and there he found Berkley Castle which was forct thither by the Ships being out of repair and other necessity, also advises of the Nathaneils putting in there for repaire, and that he intended to sale the next day in Company wth the Berkley Castle.

THURSDAY 16

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR	President & Governour
MR THOMS WAVELL	MR JOHN CHENEY
CAPT JOS HADDOCK	MR WILLM FRASER
MR THOMS GRAY	MR WM HATTSELL.

Mr William Hatsell being lately arrived from his Persia Voyage, was acquainted with the RTT Honble Companyes favour to him in offering him to be of this Councill, which he most respectfully and gratefully accepted of, and accordingly took his station youngest of Councill, and is appointed to be Land Custommer in place of Mr Thomas Gray who is orderd to deliver up his books and

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Accounts and the ballance thereof to him, he is also appointed one of the Justices of the Chowltry. Mr Barwell likewise accepted the R^t Honble Comp^as favour in admitting him a factor in their service from this date.

Mr John Littleton being dead, Mr Thos Wavell is orderd to deliver up the Charge of the Warehouse and remaines to Mr John Cheney late Paymaster and he to deliver up his acc^ts to Mr Wm Fraser and Mr Thomas Gray orderd to Succeed Mr Fraser in the Sea Customers employ and each of them to enter upon their Severall employments on munday next, allowing each a month's time to make up and clear their acc^ts.

Mr Thomas Wavell Warehousekeeper his book of Acc^ts for the month of Aprill was read and past.

Orderd that Pag^s 2000 be paid Mr Jno Cheney for provision of bricks, reparation of walls and forwarding of the building and charges of the Garrison.

Mr William Fraser paid into the R^t Honble Companys Cash Pag^s 2500 for customes rec^d last month.

There being severall peices of damaged Cloth taken for the Soldiers Coats, tis orderd that they pay no more then 2 Pag^s for each finished Coat, which is a reasonable advantage to ye Comp^a and some consideration for the damaged Cloth and Justice to the poor Soldiers who greatly complain thereof.

Mr John Cheney Paymast^r his book of Acc^ts for the month of Aprill was read and past—

Charges Garrison	Pags : 1589 : 25 : ¼
Charges Generall	403 : 29 : ⅛
Charges Dyett	311 : 31 : ½
Factors Provision	57 : 10 : —
Fortification and repaires	531 : 03 : 3/16
Charges Merchandize	37 : 27 : ⅜
Charges Cattle	12 : 12 : 0
West Coast	4 : 31 : 0
Charges Extraordinary	13 : 23 : —
	Pags . 2962 : 12 : 7/16

Mr Thomas Wavell declared to the Councill, that he was very ignorant in book keeping and desired it might be so enterd here.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
JN^o : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.
W^M : HATSELL.

Ship Delight Geo : Turlinton Master arrived y^s : day from Atchein. 20
Ship Ellephant Ed : Bell Master Sett Saile for the Coast of Arrackan.

Ship Dyamond belonging to the R^t : Honble : Comp^a : James Howell Master 21
Sett Saile for the West Coast of Sumatra.

The success Friggot belonging to the R^t : Honble : Company Thomas Walthrope Commander arrived this Evening from Persia with advices thence of the 26 : of March last.

Ship George Thomas Lacy Commander set Saile for China. 24

Generall from Mess^r : Eyres and Braddill att Dacca of the 28th February 25
last, adviseing of the Nabobs continued favours and kindnesses to them and that they are in dayly expection of the arrivall of some of our Shipps there which the Nabob greatly wishes for.

Ship New morning Starr Capt : Armiger Goslin Commander Sett Saile this 28
morning for China.

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Monday 2

FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1690

Att a Consultation

Present.

Elihu Yale Esqr :	President & Governr
Mr : Thoms : Wavell	Mr : Jno : Cheney
Capt : Jos : Haddock	Mr : Wm : Fraser
Mr : Thoms : Gray	Mr : Willm : Hatsell.

The whole Councill being Summond.

The President's acct of the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash for the month of May was read and past the ballance resting . . . . Pags : 127119 : 21 : 4.

Mr : John Cheney, late Paymaster read his acct : for the month of Aprill and the ballance due to him thereon is Pags : 669 : 15 : ⅝ the ℘ticulars of the charges are as followes viz.—

Charges Garrison	Pags : 1617 : 33 : —
Charges Generall	393 : 16 : ¼
Charges Dyett	350 : 07 : 13/16
West Coast	15 : 18 : —
Fortifications and repaires	394 : 31 : 11/16
Charges Merchandize	34 : 22 : 11/16
Charges Cattle	13 : 27 : —
	Pags : 2820 : 12 : 7/16

Mr Thomas Gray read his Mint Account and paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash P. 327 for mintage dutyes for particular mens Gold coynd in the mint in the following months viz.—

March ...	Pa : 41993 : ½ at ½ ℘ Ct	Pa : 209 : 35 :
Aprill ...	... 27212 : ½	136 : 03 :
May ...	... 26877	134 : 14 :
June ...	... 5547 : ½	27 : 27 :
July ...	... 3956	19 : 28 :
December	... 2955	14 : 28 :
January	... 2495	12 : 17 :
Feby ...	.. 2216 : ½	11 : 03 :
March ...	... 22389	111 : 34 :
Aprill ...	... 40830	204 : 05 : 3
	½ at ½ ℘Ct	

Orderd that Pags : 1000 be paid Mr : Wm : Fraser Paymaster to defray the Garrison charges and Pags : 1000 to Mr : John Pitt Provisionl : Storekeeper for Stores and defraying charges of the Shipping.

Haveing by way of Goa received the Coppy of a letter from Messrs Weldon and Navarro dated the 1st : of Aprill last from the Mogulls Camp at Bidderee, to Mr : Jacob Uphill &ca at Carwarr, importing that the News of the Genls : death did at first, put some demurr & delayes upon their buisness, but in a few dayes, it wore off and went currant to their Satisfaction & that they had possitively concluded the Peace with the Mogull and received his Phyrmaund for our resettlement and trade, at Surratt and that three Goosbardars were sent to Bm : bay with the Kings Phyrmaund to order the Siddy and his forces off the Island, in consideration whereof and that no more time may be lost in the dispatch of Capt Haddock for Bengall So Soon as the said News shall be confirm'd to us from Bombay, which we are in dayly expectation of, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to lade 400 Piggs of Lead more and half of the Brimstone & allome and that ¾ of the Europe cloth be also laden on him with the Tynn and Ellephants teeth &ca proper for Bengall, but that the treasure be continued ashoare till a day or two before his dispatch and the Storekeeper is orderd to fitt the Shipp Maddapollam to accompany her and the rest of the Small Vessells to follow them as they shall arrive to us and that the Agent &a of Bengall be also acquainted therewith to make preparatiõ for the same.

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Orderd that the following law about the Customes and the regulation of that buisness be publisht and observed.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to Sell the Persia wine at 10 Pag[s] a chest to freemen and 9 to the Companye's Servants.

The President rec[d] an answer to his letter to the Viseer and Subidar of Chingee, who makes great difficulty in parting with the Kings fort at Tevenapatam, however they sent a list of their demands for it which is as follows Viz[t].—

Tevnepatam Fort	150000 Chuckerum
Punladapuntulos present	15000
Ragogee puntoloes	10000
Officers &c[a].	25000
	200000 Chuckarums.

the Chuckarums be 20 Small fanams each, will amount to about 120000 Pagodas, which being too great a Summe to part with for Such a purchase, however tis agreed that we continue to treat with him, either to lower its Vallue to us or raise it to the Dutch and french, who are very pressing for it.

Letter from Jol Focker Cawn Son to Assid Cawn Viseer to the Mogull, returning thanks for our kind usage to the Nabob Ally Asker Cawn desireing our continuance therein and protection of him.

The President acquainted the Councill that notwithstanding their ill opinions of the Porto Novo and Connimere Cloth and their low offers of it, yet he had the good Success to have disposed it to great Proffit for the Hon[ble] Company Viz[t] the Brown Long cloth N° 1 at 28 Pag[s] the Corge, the White at 29 and No. 2 white and browne at 30 Pag[s] ℔ Corge though it cost the Hon[ble] Company noe more then about 21 Pag[s] the Corge so that the Proffitt with the customes thereon will be near 50 ℔Cent and at these rates the President could have disposed of three or four hundred bales more of the Connimere and Porto Novo Goods, so that M[r] Wavell is answerable to the R[t] Hon[ble] Company for what he has sent away without or against order, He could also have sold the blue Long cloth too, but notwithstanding the Councills opinions its well known that that Cloth is better then w[t] made here, especially its dyeing, and therefore will be more advantagious to send it home, the Honble Company being very pressing for y[t] sort and none now procureable here.

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Noe proposeall made in Counsill for ye Sale of ye Connimeer Clõ neither doe I know any of ye Counsill y[t] made an offer for it, except ye President himselfe, & tis well if loss instead of great proffit doe not appear, I am also ready to answer ye sending home ye Neck clothes & Commeses whensoever ye R[tt] Honble Comp[a] shall call mee to acco[t]. } THO: WAVELL. JN°: CHENEY.

The Presid[t] seem'd to be convinced of the badness of the Conomeer Cloth if referrence be had to former Consultations or those of ffebr̄y last, & tho they sold well to the Manila Ship here, the black merchants may frame an Argument from that, to rise y[e] prices when the H Comp[a] may have occasion for 1000 times y[t] quantity for England. Vide Consulta[n] 17 Jan[ry] last. W. F. } WILL: FRASER.

Y[e] cloth was sold unknowne to me, & then y[e] worst cloth procurable sold for P. 30. THO: GRAY.

What relates to Cloath was before my being of Councell. W[M]: HATSELL.

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3 The Saphir friggot William Tuer Commander arrived this morning from Bombay and Surratt wth Advices of the 16 and 8th of May informing of the reception of the Mogulls Phyrmaund by the Worsp Jn° Vaux Dep^ty^ Governour of the Island whom the King pitc^ht^ upon for that purpose Coppy whereof will be sent us by the Kempthorne, which they intend to dispatch in two or three dayes, and that on the 5th the three Goosberdarrs had sett out thence for Bombay in order to turne the Siddee off the Island, as also that they have surrendred up most of the Moores Shipps money and Goods taken from them, according to Agreement.

Mr John Barbourn Attorney Generall deliverd in an Appeale to the President and Councill for redress in a Judgement granted by the Mayors Coart against the R^t^ Honble Company in an Action between them and one Arthur Seymour about a Ship taken by Capt Consett on the Berkley Castle as a prise from the Syamers then called the boan Success, now the Resistance, which the said Arth^r^ Seymour layd a claime to in the Court of Admī which was granted him he paying the Honble Company Salvage money, and what charges shall be made appear they have been at in the necessary repaires of the Same, which is proved to amount to Rup^s^ 5862 ¾ and Judgement granted for the same, 500 Pag^s^ whereof has bin recoverd, so that there remaines 4362 ¾ rup̄ which the Ship now Stands attached for till such time the S^d^ Arthur Seymur Shall in all parts fullfill the Judgement granted by the said Coart of Admiralty at his request, notwithstanding which the Mayor &^a^ have granted Judgement against the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ without any further Satisfaction to be made for the Remaining part of the charges they have been at.

5 Pass given to Ship Susanna belonging to Capt Richard Harbin.

Passes to Shipps Boa^*^ Vesta and Jerusalem, belonging to Don Theodore d' St Lucas of Porto Novo and Senr Gregorio Paroan of this place.

FRYDAY 6

ATT A CONSULTATION.

Present.

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ President & Governor.

JOB CHARNOCK AG^T^	M^R^ THO WAVELL
M^R^ JN^O^ CHENEY	CAP^T^ JOS HADDOCK
MR FRANCIS ELLIS	MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR WILLI^M^ HATSELL	MR THOMA^S^ GRAY

MR JEREMIAH PEACHY.

The Saphir Friggot being yesterday returnd to us from Surrat and Bombay w^th^: advices of a certaine Peace with the Mogull, and that they had received his gratious Phyrmaund for Peace and Settlement, and that our people were releast and the Siddy goeing off Bombay, and y^t^ a Phyrmaund for our Privelidges and Settlement in the bay was also dayly expected, and Should be Suddainly sent us, 'Twas therefore (upon Serious consideration and Debate) unanimously agreed and resolved that the Princess Capt Joseph Haddock Command^r^: be w^th^: all expedetion dispatch't to Bengall with the Agent &c^a^: and what Stock we can possibly Spare, but that on their arrivall there, they are not to adventure any part thereof ashoar, before they hear further from us or have any Assurance of the Mogulls Phyrmaund for our Secure Settlement and trade, and for their Assistance we Order all those that came thence and also appoint M^r^: John Hill, Nath: Halsey, Francis Charlton, Robert Levison, factors and M^r^: Vice-simus Griffith, W^m^: Fowles, Jn°: Antony Tesmaker Writers and a Surgeon, and the rest to follow as they arrive to us, and that the Agent &c^a^: give in a memoriall of what they want from hence for their Voyage and buisness and that they leave an Invoice of w^t^: brought w^th^: them from the Bay.

Orderd that the Shipp Maddapollam be gott ready to accompany the Princess to Bengall and Saphir friggot to follow w^th^: w^t^: advices we shall receive from Surrat and the rest of the small Vessells to be likewise Sent down as they arrive to us.

JOB CHARNOCK.

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[6TH]

The President &[a] : being dayly troubled w[th] : appealls and complaintes about tryalls in the Mayors Coart who by their Charter cannot give any finall Judgement in any cause exceeding three Pag[s] and there being now noe other Coart to releive their agreivances, and the President and Councill haveing no Authority or appoyntment for [it], 'twas proposed as very necessary that a superiour Coart of Judicature equall to that of the late Coart of Admiralty, under Same rules and practice be erected for the hearing of appealls and finall decission of Differences and Actions without which the discontentm[t] and dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants, will continue and encrease to the great trouble of the place and discouragement of trade, but the whole matter, as to its Settlement and methods, referrd to further consideration.

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The President was pleased to declare in Counsill y[t] wee had not power to heare or determine Causes at the Counsill table, Therefore tis my oppinion if y[e] Presid[t] and Counsill Jointly have noe power for heareing and determineing all Causes as aforesaid, neither y[e] : presid[t] : nor any one or two of y[e] Counsill can assume y[t] power without ord[r] from y[e] R[TT] Hon[ble] Comp[a]. } THO : WAVELL.

If o[r] Power extends soe farr I am for a Superior Court. JN[o] : CHENEY.

By our Consultations & Gener[ll] : Letters sent home by the Williamson where it relates to the Death of S[r] John Biggs we declared ourselves not impowered to errect anoy[r] : Court in the nature of a Court of Admiralty without a new Comission from England, and their Hon[rs] : Gener[ll] : lre accompaning their Charter by the Defence doth not order any Native to be made a Justice. W.F. } WILL : FRASER

THO : GRAY.

W[M] : HATSELL. 9.

The Kempthorne arrived this day from Surrat and Bombay wth advices of the 10th and 20th of May last also Coppy of the Mogulls Phyrmaund re[d] by the Dep[y] Governour Vaux the 5th of Aprill with great Solemnity, which being interpreted, found to be A sham put upon them, which they thought convenient to make any noise about, but to be contented till fitter oppertunity, in order thereto to gett the Eddyes Sent down for y[e] turning the Siddy off the Island, which being denyed them by some misunderstanding betwixt the Government and them, was resolved not to let them goe till they had Some further assurances of our delivery the Merchants money and goods or something considerably thereof ꝑformed, which they did in some measures comply therew[th] : and on the 6th : the Eddyes were dispatcht with full power to turn the Siddy off the Island which from B'bay they advise us has arrived on the 17th late at night and the next day deliverd him the Kings order for his departure to which he made some demurrs but was then sending away his luggage Guns and ammunitions.

Coppy of Phyrmaund the 23[d] day of the month of Jammaudee Auvull in the 33[d] year of a most Glorious reigne.—Sent from Surrat.

All the English haveing made a most humble Submissive petition that the ill crimes they have done may be pardoned and requested a noble Phyrmaund to make their being forgiven manifest and Sent their Vackell to the heavenly Pallace the most illustrious in the world to gett the Royall favour and Ettimat Cawn the Governour of Surrats' Petition to the famous Coart, equall to the sky, being arrived, that they would present the great King with a fine of 150000 Rupees to his noble treasury resembling the Sunn, and would restore the Merch[ts] : goods they took away to the owners of y[m] and would walk by the Antient Customes of the Port and behave themselves for the future, noe more in Such a shamefull manner, therefore his Maj[ty] : according to his dayly favours to all ye people of the world hath pardond their faults, mercifully forgiven them and out of his Princely condiscentiõ agrees that the Present be put into the treasury of the Port the Merch[ts] : goods be

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[9TH] returned, the Towne flowrish and they follow their trade as in former times and Mr: Child who did the disgrace be turned out and expelld ys: ordit is irreversible.

TUESDAY 10

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President and Governour

JOB CHARNOCK AGT:	MR: THOMS: WAVELL
MR: JNO: CHENEY	CAPT: JOS: HADDOCK
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: WILLM: FRASER
MR: THOMS: GRAY	MR: WM: HATTSELL.

The Councill being duely Summond.

The Kempthorn and Samuel Ketch being also arrived with advices from Bombay and Surrat with a Coppy of the abominable Phyrmaund from the Mogull which we can't but admire their fear or weakness should accept of and receive with joy and Splendour before they understood its contents, which proves to be a shamefull Scandalous paper to the great dishonour of our nation and exposeing the English and their Trade to infinite future affronts & injuries, but the Kempthorne being by them possitively orderd for Bengall upon a very Slender freit: which we doubt will never recompence the charge but least we should increase or give them new troubles, Tis resolved that She proceed to Bengall according to their Agreement, and that the Princess with the Agent &a: and Stock formerly orderd be dispatch't as soon as possibly, the Agent and Bengall Councill giveing us their possitive opinions, that they question not but that upon the Generall Peace, and the Nabobs kind Invitation, and good inclination to our Nation, they should obtain a good reception, Settlement and Secure trade there.

Mr: Thomas Gray late land Customer read his Accts: of the Land Customes and paid into the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash Pags: 6: 4: 43: Said to be the ballance of his Accts: to the time he left ye employ.

Mr: William Hattsell Land Customer his accts: for part of the month of Aprill was read and past and paid into the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash Pags: 330:.

Mr: John Pitt Provisionall Storekeepers Accts: for the month of May was read and past.

Mr: Richard Trenchfeild deliverd in a Petition (as is enterd next after this Consultation) desireing that Agent Charnock &as: accusation against him in their Bengall Dyaryes may be examined, and he to be acquitted or condemned as innocence or guilt should be proved in those matters, which the Bengallers are orderd to answer to next Consultation day.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.
WM: HATSELL.

Coppy of Mr: Rd: Trenchfeilds Petition

TO THE HONBLE: ELIHU YALE

GOVERNR: & PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT: HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL &A:

May it Please Your Honr &a:

Being by Your Honr: and Councill required to go to Bengall with the Rt: Worspll Job Charnock Agent I am very ready and willing to comply with Your Honrs &as: orders but he and his Councill Mr Ellis and Mr Peachy haveing accused me in the Dyaryes, Consultations and Coppy book of Letters in the

months of Aug^st^: and September 1688 and particularly in their Dyary Notes of the 1st Sep^tr^: of Severall great and heinous Crimes by which accusations I have been highly discouraged from acting with my utmost dilligence in the R^t^: Honble Comp^as^: Service and prejudiced in my reputation I therefore humbly pray Your Hon^rs^ and Councill will please Strictly to examine their accusations that I may be either condemned or acquitted w^ch^: favour shall ever be acknowledged by

Honble S^r^ &^a^ Councill

June 10th: 1690. Your most faithfull humble servant

RI: TRENCHFEILD.

The Samuel Ketch Capt Wm Minchen arrived this morning from Surrat 10
& Bombay wth Duplicates of former advices thence.

The Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicat passed by this Road wth Six Saile of Shipps Saluteing the fort with about three hundred gunns which were moderately answerd to.

The President sent Mr Wm Fraser off with an Invitation to the Governour who excused comeing ashoare by the urgency of buisness.

The Danes Ship sett saile this morning for Trincambar. 11

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 12

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ President & Govern^r^

JOB CHARNOCK AG^T^	MR THOM^S^ WAVELL
M^R^ JN^O^ CHENEY	CAP JOS HADDOCK
MR WILL^M^ FRASER	MR FRAN^S^ ELLIS
MR THOM^S^ GRAY	MR WILL^M^ HATSELL

MR JEREMIAH PEACHY.

According to our appointment the last Consultation day about Mr Rich^d^: Trenchfeilds petition, that the Crimes Agent Charnock and his Councill have charged him with in their Dyarys home, might be examined and he either thereby be acquitted or condemned, whereupon the President &^a^ proceeded to enquier into the matter, desireing the Agents &^a^ to give their reasons and proofs of their charge against him, as first y^t^ he had injured the Honble Comp^as^ Investment, corresponding with their Enimyes and was thereby instrumentall in the blocking up of Hughly factory, his treating with the Enimyes at Higely and Severall other heinous Complaints as appears in their Consultations and Dyarys to wch they gave only for answer y^t^ it was what they heard and was advised by letters and that they could give no other reason but that they have remitted all to the Honble Company to Judge thereof and this all the Satisfaction they offer for the injury to his reputation, tho in the main by what wee can learne of the buisness it appears to be more of heat then matter, and to arrise from Particular picques and differences & chiefly about his Permissive trade, which the Honble Comp^a^ not only permitted but prest and commanded all their Servants to promote and encourage it as being to their great advantage, And for his corresponding with the Enimyes, who it seems was one Muttradas, formerly the Honble Comp^as^ Cheif Merchant, and lately traded with Mr Ellis for the Honble Comp^a^ after the prohibition and dischargeing him, besides if they had beleived Mr Trenchfeild guilty of what they charge him with, Tis strange he Should be the only Person pitch't upon to send from higely to mediate the Peace with Abdull Gunny, which he effected with good Success.

Haveing received another Letter from Chingee about Tevenepatam Fort to know our finall resolution therein, otherwise that they should dispose to the

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Dutch, Tis therefore Agreed that in answer to their demands of 200000 Chuckarums for the fort &ª: we make the following proposall. Vz:

40000 Chuck	... ...	for the Fort.
4000	... ...	Cheif Minister of State.
2000	... ...	His brother.
3000	... ...	To the Officers.
1000	... ...	Conimere Subidar and no more be re-

solved thereon till further order and that they proceed noe further therein till wee received their answer hereto.

There being an oppertunity of a Countrey Vessell goeing for Syam, the President wrote the follow^g letter (as enterd next after this Consultation) to the Barcalon or Cheif Minister of State to ye King of Syam to demand the old Kings debts to the R^t Honble Company.

There being noe service for the Success friggot here at present and designing Suddainly to dispatch her for Surrat, Tis orderd that she in the interim Sale to Conimere to lade firewood &^ca for Stores for the Garrison.

Orderd that Pag^s 1500: be sent to Conimere to defray their charges and Pag^s 40 paid to the Agent &ª of Bengall.

ELIHU YALE.

August 5th 1690.
As to w^tt ye Agent &^ca has charged Mr Trenchfeild with, Tis sattisfaction enough y^t they have sent it home to the R^tt Honble Compª who are in my oppinion ye most Competent Judges. } THO: WAVELL.

I know not ye Crimes nor Causes of Mr Trenchfeild his Charge ℘ Ag^t &c^a. } JN^o: CHENEY.

The difference between the Agent &^c & Mr Trenchfeild was wholy recomended to the Gener^ll & it matters not how much the one or the oy^r can Justifie or clear himself unless there were a ℘fect & hearty reconcilement between both parties which according to the H: Comp^as order in y^t case must be, before Mr Trenchfeild can be re-entertained in the H. Comp^as Service in Bengall . . . } W.F. . . . . } WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.
W^M: HATSELL.

MUNDAY 16

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R: President & Governour

M^R: THOM^S WAVELL	M^R: JOHN CHENEY
CAP^T: JOS HADDOCK	M^R: WILL^M FRASER
M^R: THOM^S GRAY	M^R: W^M HATSELL.

Upon better information and further consideration on that infamous Scandalous Paper called the Mogulls Phyrmaund to the English, translate whereof received from Surrat, y^t exposes our Nation and the Honble Comp^as Affairs to great contempt and injuries from the Moores treacherous designes, and therefore very dangerous and pernitious to send down the Agent &ª wth the Honble Companys stock to Bengall, till we are better assured of what priveledges ye Mogull has granted for our resettlement and trade in the bay, which if upon noe better tearms y^n this from Surrat, tis to be feared our stock will be too small to satisfie

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their unreasonable demands for their losses by the Warr, besides we dayly expect our Cossits from Mess[s] Weldon & Navaro at the Camp, as also that the Bengall Phyrmaund may possibly as unjustly expell Agent Charnock as the Surrat one did the Generall, and this also being the season for the arrivall of our ships from England by whom we may possibly receive more possitive orders then hitherto we have had therein, for which reasons tis agreed that the Princess and her Stock in expectation thereof do remaine here 20 dayes longer, but our freinds at Surrat haveing contracted with the Merchants there for the Kempthornes freight to Bengall & back again, Tis therefore Judge[d] necessary, that she proceed accordingly lest our diverting her Voyage should creat a disturbance & bring them into new troubles, Tis also orderd that 2 factors according to their desire be sent upon her to assist them in their buisness with the Government, and Ladeing, and that they carry the Presidents letter to the Nabob adviseing that this Ship comes to his Port by the Authority of the Kings Peace and encouragement of his kind Invitation, and that wee shall send our people soon after to resettle and therefore to desire his preparation for them as to their kind reception accomodation and trade as here after enterd & that they by what Bay goods they can, at reasonable rates, to be deliverd aboard ship before payment.

M[r] W[m] Cawley late storekeep[r] read his acc[ts] for the months of March and Aprill and paid the ballance thereof to M[r] Jn[o] Pitt Provis storekeep[r] being Pag[s]. 3 : 20 : 5.

The Conimere Merchants haveing been long in restraint for nonperformance of their Contract, request that they may be sett at liberty & returne home engageing their utmost endeavo[rs] to conclude the old contract in three months and bring in what Goods according to muster.

The Inhabitants and other Merch[ts] being greatly dissatisfyed for the want of Justice to their agreivances and complaints, there being since the death of S[r] John Biggs noe Court of Judicature for the finall determination of Causes, The Mayors Coart by their Charter not being to exceed a finall Judgm[t] of three Pag[s] :, all Persons haveing liberty to appeal from thence to the Coart of Admiralty, w[ch] occasioning great troubles to the President, from their many complaints, which himself and Councill as soe quallifyed are not by the Charter authoriz'd to receive or redress appeals, but that it must be done by a Coart of Judicature appointed for that purpose, consisting of a Judge Advocate and two Justices, it being therefore now absolutely necessary that a Super[ior] Coart of Judicature be erected and kept for the good of the Government and Satisfaction of the Inhabitants to the encouragement of trade and Merchandize which cannot be without a free and full execution of Justice and tho the Presidents continual care and buisness cannot well spare time to attend that charge, but there being soe urgent a necessity for it, and his Predicessors Agent Masters and President Gyfford and himself also duering the former time of his Cheifship, Setting Judge of this Superior Coart, it being also now more propper and requisite for him to execute that place, since twould be a great disrespect and under vallueing for any of the Inferiour Councill to be superior to the Mayor in Judicature, the President therefore accepts the place of Judge Advocate of the Superior Coart of Judicature till one commanded to that place shall arrive from England to be held and tryed under the same rules and methods as in S[r] John Biggs his time only y[e] fees to be but half what they were formerly with some other charges and customes to be alterd for the ease and encouragement of the Inhabit[ts] : M[r] Thomas Gray & M[r] William Hatsell are also elected and appointed Justices of Said Coart, and for the better understanding and Satisfaction of forreigners and natives, and that the Bench may be rightly enformed in their Language Lawes & Customes, Sen[r] Gregorio Paroan a knowing Judicious Armenian Merch[t] be also a Justice of this Coart, to enquire into Causes that happen from his own Nation, and all other forreigners he being well Verst in their languages & customes and that Allingall Pilla the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Cheif Merchant a wise and able Jentue to be another Justice of this Coart to

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appear for the Natives as well Jentues, Moores and Mallabars so that the Court being now properly composed & constituted for the circumstances of this and the Countrey Government, Tis order to prevent future disputes, that noe Judgem^{t}: in this Coart Shall be Authenticque and finall, but Such as are Signed by the Judge and one of the English Justices at least in differences between English but in forreign and Native cases one of the other two are also to Signe, to make the Judgement Authenticque, and the Judge and Justices do take the following Oaths of their Severall offices to prevent any reflections upon or doubt of their proceedings, which we believe will be to the great Satisfaction and encouragem^{t}: of the place, the well establishment of Justice being the best & Surest foundation, w^{ch}: we think is now Setled & constituted for ye Goverm^{t}: & Citty & ye Councill equaly employed therein Viz: one Chief Justice of ye Choultry Two in the Mayors Coart one whereof Mayor & three in the Superior Coart of Judicature, which greatly agrees wth: their wise & flourishing Goverm^{t} of Batavia.

AUGUST 5: 1690. ELIHU YALE.

I referr to a Consultacōn of ye 6 Inst^{t}: wherein I have made my exception. } THO: WAVELL.

I approve of a Supero^{r}: Court if as ℘ my Signing Consultation of ye 12th Inst^{t}. } JN^{o}: CHENEY.

OCTO^{R}: ℘ : 1690. Notwithstanding of the fine & smooth penning of this Consultation no more than 4 Appeals from the Mayors Court ever came in this Court, which may be term'd much like that of a high Commission Court, Men of good Credit & Reputation in Town having been Threatened & much abused M^{r}: Hatsell being weary of it & M^{r}: Gray wholly left it of soe that it fell, no business offering objected by W.F. } WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.
W^{M}: HATSELL.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OATH.

I do swear that I will well truly & indifferently administer Justice as well between our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen of Great Brittaine and the people here, as between Party and party, as well to the poor as rich according to equity good conscience & Custome as near as may be, according to the establisht Lawes of England, I will not destroy nor injure any in life member or estate for hatred or Mallice nor spare any for favour affection or interest, I will not take or Suffer to be taken for me any bribe, whereby to pervert Justice, but Shall in all things do justly and uprightly according to the best of my Skill and power So help me God and the contents of this holy book.

JUSTICE ASSISTANT'S OATHS.

You Shall Sweare that you will well truely faithfuly and indifferently deliver your opinion and Judgem^{t}: in all causes between party and party in this Coart without favour or affection hatred or mallice to any or any other particular Interest for Such time as you Shall remaine in this place as Justice Assistantt You Shall not take or Suffer to be taken for you any bribe or reward, whereby to prevent Justice but Shall in all things do Justly and uprightly according to the best of your Skill and power So help you God.

18 Generall to M^{r}.: Charles Eyres &^{a}: in Bengall approved and Signed.

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Capt: John Kempthorns deliverd his reasons to the President and Councill to the Agents &^{a}: of Surrat complaints against him in the ill management and Stowidge of his Ship from thence as enterd in the register of Letter book received.

Presidents Letter to the Barcalon of Syã:

To His Excellency the Barcalon
to His Imperiall Majestie the King of Syam.

May it Please Your Excell^{y}:

This is the first oppertunity that has offerd for the expressing my Joy and Satisfaction for the better alterd Goverment and to Congratulate his most Imperiall Maj^{ty}: to the illustrious Crown and throne of the Kingdome of Syam whom no doubt the Allmighty has placed there for the good of the Countrey and his Subjects, and his great and Virtuous Character promises no less then Justice also to our R^{t}: Honble: Company and Nation by a due Satisfaction for all ye Injuries and wrongs we have lately rec^{d}: by means of that unhappy malicious Instrument Cons^{t}: Phaulkon as also for the severall summs and debts due to us from the late King on Severall Acct^{s}: as well for money lent his Embassadors and Persia and here for the service and reputation of his people and nation as appears by the Coppys of their Severall obligation, and Acc^{ts}: herewith sent You which you may be fully enformd in by Hodjee Sellim the late Kings Embassador, which I humbly entreat Your Excell^{cy}: to recommend effectually to his Maj^{ty}: and to recover the same for us to be sent by this Ship, which will encourage to our Sud-dain returne and trade and a sessation of all differences and hostillity, and endeavour allwayes to oblige and Secure your freindship, but if these our just desires are disreguarded and denyed us, We must then of necessity have recourse to such wayes and methods for the recovery of our rights as we are unwilling to: but I am well assured your Justice and prudence will prevent any Such new troubles, but rather Study and contrive all wayes to promote the good and honour of your King and Countrey, which within ye humble Duty to His Maj^{ty}: & respects to Y^{r}self, wishing him a long and happy reighn & y^{r}self great hon^{r}: & felicity I remaine

Fort S^{t}: George
15th: June 1690.

Y^{r} Excell^{y}:
Most faithful & obliged Servt
Elihu Yale.

Att a Consultation 18

Present

Elihu Yale Esq^{R}: President & Govern^{r}
M^{R}: Thom^{s}: Wavell — M^{R}: John Cheney
Cap^{T}: *[blank]* — M^{R}: Will^{M}: Fraser
M^{R}: *[blank]* — M^{R}: W^{M}: Hatsell.
The Councill being duly summond.

The Ship Kempthorn being near upon her departure for Bengall Twas taken into consideration what part of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Stock we had best to Send down upon her wth: M^{r}: Henry Stanley and M^{r}: Tho: Mackrith for their Investment as they shall find good and Safe oppertunitys for, It is agreed & order'd that fifteen Chests of Silver be sent which the Warehousekeeper is orderd to lade aboard her.

Elihu Yale.
Tho: Wavell.
Jno: Cheney.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Gray.
W^{M}: Hatsell.

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A Generall from Mynheer Laurence Pitt Govern^{r} &^{a}: Council of Polliacatt accompanying the Generall and Councill of Batavia's letter and another from Capt: William Sharp Commander of the Resolution of the 29th: December last, wherein he advices of his good Success in the recovery of the Royall James's Cargoe of Pepper from them, tho he mentions nothing of the quantity thereof, and that he intended to sett Saile the day following, with other necessary advices of the Transactions there.

Whereas in a Consultation held yesterday M^{r}: John Cheney, Warehouse-keeper was orderd to lade aboard the Kempthorne 15 : chests of Silver for Bengall, the President &^{a}: have thought fitt to Send but Ten chests upon her which being Sufficient for their occasions.

Pass given to Ketch Success whereof Robert Mullins goes Commander bound for Atchein.

Instructions to M^{r}: Charles Eyres &^{a}: at Benga^{ll}: read and approved.

19 Deliverd Capt: John Kempthorne his dispatch for Bengall.

21 Ship Kempthorn Sett Saile this Evening for Bengall.

22 The Madras Friggot William Brooks Com^{dr}: arrived this Evening from the West Coast with a full Ladeing of Pepper, also advices and Acc^{t}: from Bencolen and Indrapore and that M^{r}: Benjamin Bloom did on the first of february last Surrender up his Station & charge of the R^{t}: Honble: Companyes affaires on the West Coast, to M^{r}: James Sowdon &^{a}: there for sundry reasons as exprest in a Consultation held then which is enterd as follows vz:—

YORK FORT FEB^{Y} ANNO 168$\frac{9}{90}$.

SATURDAY [illegible] mo. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^{Y}

Present

M^{R}: BENJ: BLOOM CHEIF
M^{R}: JAMES SOWDON
M^{R}: JOHN KIDDELL
M^{R}: THOM^{S} LENEVE.

M^{r}: James Sowdon comeing upon the Madrass friggot in quallity of Second here and Station next the Chief M^{r}: Bloom who for sundry reasons & amongst the rest, indisposition of body and want of health, the least thereof hath brought him to y^{s}: conclusion, that for the Security of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Affaires and their interest on the West Coast hath made him generously without haveing any respect to his own particular interest to quitt & lay down the Goverm^{t} putting it into the hands of us James Sowdon John Kiddell Thom^{s} Leneve immediately ordaind & appointed to mannage the Comp^{as}: Affaires on ye West Coast, therefore it is orderd y^{t} being he is unwilling longer to continue in the service of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: here y^{t}: on Munday next which will the 3rd: Insst^{t} he deliver into our possession command & charge ye Fort or factory wth; all the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: their Cash &c^{a}: w^{ch}: is under his immediate care charge & keeping.

BENJ: BLOOM.
JAMES SOWDON.
JN^{O}: KIDDELL.
THO LENEVE.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR: President & Governour MUNDAY 23
MR: [*blank*] MR: JOHN CHENEY
CAPT JOS: HADDOCK MR: [*blank*]
MR: THOMS: GRAY MR: WILLM: HATSELL.
The Councill being duely Summon'd.

Mr: John Hill after two years delayes delivers in the Acct: Currt: of his Voyage to Merge and Syam the ballance whereof he makes to amount to P: 774:34 but there being a chest of Silver and other goods laden on Ship Pearle consignd to himself & Mr: William Hodges, who is Since dead and none of his accts: appearing, Mr: Hill must Satisfie us therein before his other Accts can be ballanc't, Mr: Thomas Wavell and Mr: Jno: Cheney are therefore orderd to examine & adjust ye Accts: of yt: Voyage and this he now delivers in, and ye Secry is orderd to deliver all papers and Accts: relateing thereto.

Agent Charnock &ca: haveing given in a declaration to us of their opinion about our delaying their going down to the bay, before we know wt: condition we are to Settle upon with many reflections therein, an answer to which was read and approved and orderd to be deliverd the Agent &a.

The Madrass friggot arriveing last night from Bencolen and Indrapore wth: letters of feby and May last advising the departure of the Williamson in November last for England with about 300 Tonn of Pepper, and that the Place was much improved [?] both for health and trade, by whom we recd: their Cash books from their first Settlements, the ballance of Bencolen Cash was then 83944 Dollers and the Indraprs: 9601: of which they have sent us by this Ship 8000 Doll from Indrapore, and about 300 Candy of Pepper from both Places wch: ye Warehousekeepr: is orderd to take ashoare & house it Securely & traverse ye Treasure and lead aboard the Princess for Bengall & yt: the severall Dyarys & papers sent over be deliverd to Capt: Gray to examine & observe wt: necessary therein & the Indrapore advices to Mr: Wm: Hatsel the President takeing the Generalls & Cash books to examine & report wt: therein observable to the Councill.

The Heer Pitt Governour of Pollicat adviseing of their arrivall of the 8 English Pyrats sent us by the Genll: &ca: from Batavia, Capt: Tho Gray, Mr: Wm: Hatsell & Capt: Hill are orderd wth: a guard of 12 Granadeers & 20 Peons to bring them thence as by our letters to the Governr &a.

ELIHU YALE.

August 5: 1690.
I remember not any reflections in Agent Charnocks &ca paper. } THO: WAVELL.

Not being allowed to read & time to consider of an answer to Agt &ca I dissented. } JNO: CHENEY.

THO: GRAY.
WM: HATSELL.

This evening Capt Ray, Mr William Hatsell & Capt: John Hill sett out for 26
Pollicatt with a guard of Soldiers in order to bring the Prisoners thence.

Capt: Thoms Gray &ca returnd this morning from Pollicatt, bringing along 28
with them the 8 Pyratts, whom the President orderd to be confined in close Prison.

Generall of the 16th of April last from Messrs: Weldon and Navarro at the Mogulls Camp att Bidderee, confirming the former Advices of the Mogulls Phyrmaund being sent to Surrat and another for Bengall to be dispeeded thither in 4 dayes and that they had taken their leaves of the Mogull designing to returne to Surrat in 2 or 3 days after.

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MUNDAY 30

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R : President & Govern^r :
JOB CHARNOCK AG^T : MR THOM^S : WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY CAP^T : [*blank*]
MR WILL^M : FRASER MR THOM^S : GRAY
MR WILL^M : HATSELL.

M^r : Willm : Fraser late Sea Customer read his Acc^ts : of the Customes for the months of March and Aprill and paid into the R^t Honble Comp^as Cash Pag^s 868 : he also paid Pag^s 130 in part of Nallana's the deceased Bricklayers debts to the R^t Honble Comp^a deliverd him for provision of bricks.

Mr Thomas Wavell late Warehousekeeper paid into the R^t Honble Companys Cash Pag^s 5068 and Mr John Cheney present Warehousekeeper Pag^s 9000 for Goods and Silver sold by them also Mr Thomas Gray Mintmaster on Acc^t Silver coynage Pag^s 1915.

The President haveing perused the Bencolen and Indrapore Cash books from their Settlem^t being the first sent thence, wherein he finds very great and extravagant expences & cheifly at Indrapore, where Mr Gibbons has done but little Service as to the Provision of Pepper and little expectation of improveing the Place by the many dangers and charges that Surrounds them, the Emperour keeping his Coart at Manduta, so that upon those and other Considerations, Tis agreed and orderd that one of the small Vessels be dispatch't forthw^th thither wth orders to dissolve that Factory and remove the Honble Comp^as concernes and people to Bencoolen and that Mr Gibbon do return hither by the first oppertunity to answer more particularly to his large expences and many debts made there, and the Honble Company haveing little goods to send upon Said Vessell, the Warehousekeeper is ordered to procure what he can upon freight to Atchein and that she proceed thence to the West Coast.

Haveing received letters asaturday last from Mess^r Weldon and Navarro from the Mogulls Camp at Bidderee wherein they advise of the Phyrmaund being sent to Surrat, and that they had the promise of another for Bengall which in four days after was to be sent to the Governour of Surrat to be delivered to Mr Vaux &c^a when the Mogulls demands were comply'd with, and that they could not then send a Coppy thereof, but we should have it from Surrat, also that the Mogull had tashereeft them with a Sheerpaw equall to that given the Dutch envoy and that they had taken leave of the King, and intended to Sett out in two dayes after, soe that wee can expect noe further advices from them, and the season elapsing for Bengall, as also our limitted time for the sending them down, the Agent was therefore sent for to Councill & the s^d letters communicated to him, where in Councill the President duly stated the case as to our sending the Ship and stock to Bengall or to the Coast of India and Surrat which being a weighty buisness twas left to the Councills consideration to give in their opinions reasons and in writeing by tomorrow at 4 in the Evening & y^t this buisness be carryed by Majority of Voats & prosecuted accordingly.

Capt^t Tho Gray & Mr Willm Hatsell being returned wth 8 of the Pyrats Sent us from Batavia one of whom dyed in ye Voyage, the Governour order'd their Strict confinem^t & the Paymast^r to allow half Centinalls pay to each for their maintenance & Mr Cheney &^a Chowltry Justices to take each of their examination ab^t their Severall crimes, charged on y^m in ye Dutch process, wch is orderd to be translated for theirs & the Coarts better information therein

Orderd that 1000 Pag^s be paid Mr Willm Fraser to defray the Garrison charges.

We haveing appointed Mr Dan Du Bois Attorney Generall for the Superior Coart of Judicature and the Honble Comp^as in their letter of the [*blank*] of [*blank*]

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ordering an Annuall Sallary to be paid to Such as are employed therein, Tis therefore thought fitt to allow him 50 Pag^s ℔ annum for that Service which we doubt not his dilligence will deserve.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^O: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.
W^M: HATSELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRÕ — TUESDAY. ℔ MO:

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R	President & Governour
JOB CHARNOCK AG^T	MR THOM^S WAVELL
MR JOHN CHENEY	CAP^T [*blank*]
MR WILL^M FRASER	MR THOM^S GRAY
MR WILL^M HATSELL.	

Capt Haddock at the Mount.

According to an order of yesterdays consultatiõ the Councill deliverd in their Severall opinions and reasons in writeing about the disposure of the Princess of Denmark and the R^t Honble Comp^as Stock, which were read by ye Secretary the Major part whereof were for the Shipps proceedure to the Bay with the Agent &c^a and the R^t Honble Comp^as Stock, which was accordingly Resolved and orderd that she be with all expedition despatch't thither, and the Councill in their Severall imploy to hasten the same as also to Supply with what necessary for their Settlements in the Bay, and that the Severall Papers be enterd as followes.

The Presidents Opinion herein:

Considering the strange Phyrmaund sent for Surr^t and Bombay from whence the treaty of Peace with the Mogull was managed, what better tearmes can be expected for Bengall, from whence went as many & great complaints of our hostile actions as from the other, and if we are by that Phyrm^d also ordered to make full satisfaction to all persons for their losses & injuries by the warr, before we shall be admitted to a Settlement and trade, I much doubt the stock we shall send down will be expended that way, since our people in the bay advise us, that the late Nabob Shasta Cawn and Bauder Cawn had rifled & destroyd our factoryes, and forc't the Honble Comp^as debts from their Merch^ts on pretence of their particular losses by the Warr, so that we can expect little Supply from those Merch^ts, and therefore may suspect the Princess may returne emptier then she goes, & noe hopes of a Ladeing for her here, her charterparty time also will be then expired and consequently out of our dispose, and to goe empty home will be a Sad and Shamefull returne, whereas if she be now Sent to the Coast of India and Surrat with a Stock as they desire and want, there is no questiõ of her ladeing, besides the sending her now down to the bay in expectation of meeting the Mogulls Phyrmaund, there is upon great uncertaintyes since Messrs Weldon and Navarros late letter from the Camp advise us at best that the Bengall Phyrmaund was but promis't, or doeing and that after 'twas done, it was to be sent to the Governour of Surrat to be deliverd Mr Vaux &^a after all agreements and demands were perform'd and complyed with which we have yet no advice of, and that its Coppy y^n Should be Sent us hither, which we may Suddainly expect, it being near 2½ months since the date of their letter, besides the Honble Company haveing had early advice of the War and danger of Bombay Wee may Shortly expect their fuller orders therein this being the usuall time of the arrivall of their Ships from England, from which reasons I am of opinion, that tis best the Ship Princess doe stay here so long as the Monsoon will conveniently permitt her; that we may

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either know the contents of the Kings Phyrmaund and the conditions we are to Settle and trade upon in the Bay, or that we receive more ample and possitive orders from our Honble Masters concerning it, that affair haveing been cheifly recommended and referr'd to our deceast Generall.

Elihu Yale.

Job Charnock Agent's:

In pursuance to Your Hon^rs^: Commands yesterday at Consultation, signifying every person there Summond Should this day deliver his opinion in writeing, whether our proceedure to the Bay be convenient or not, I answer, that whereas it has been objected that the Phyrmaund procured for Surrat by the Embassadors from the Mogulls Camp, is infamous and not fitt to be accepted by us, and that should the like and noe better be procured for the bay, twere much more intollerable, as likewise whether the stock y^t^ is to be sent with us may prove Sufficient to answer the Demands, which may be made on us when arrived there, to this reply, that these Eastern Kings have always been accustomed to speak bigg in their letters and papers, and tho tis certaine Said expressions Should have been objected against by our people at Court, yet I find the conclusion is, we shall trade as formerly, which I take to be as much as if he had said on our former Priveledges, and if a priveledge of trade be granted there, tis not likely it should be refused in bengall both places belonging to the same King, and the late advices from the Camp inferring as much which granted, its not to be questioned but that a Bengall investment, will be much more profitable then one from Surrat or any place Bay goods now being in So great request at home, that noe Coppy of the Bengall Phyramaund was sent I presume it, that its not to be had till the originall is chopt, and that by the advices from the Camp was expected in four dayes from ye date of their letters.

The sufferers in the Bay War doubtless will have many demands, tho w^th^out question far less than those on the Coast of India and I am inclin'd to beleive at o^r^ first arrivall, nay possibly till our inland factoryes are Settled, they will not touch on that String, both the Natives & ye Goverm^t^ itself being so desireous of our trade and ye Honble Companyes debt there exceeding their demands, should it come to that height our Acc^t^ will over ballance the other.

As to the prizes formerly in our possesñ they were all according to contract redeliverd, except the Nabob of Cattecks, and for the Kings treasure at Ballasore, plunderd by our Soldiers, advices from Dacca, assures us the Fousdar of that place extorted from the inhabitants thereat 4000 more then was took by them with overplus he put into his own Pocquett.

The main objection as I imagine may be produced is the possabillity at our arrivall there, we may not be permitted to trade, so the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ stock lyes uninvested, and the Princess looses a Voyage, but to this I say that its a bare supposition only, beleiving no man capable to foretell futurityes, So that since hitherto we have many reasons to beleive the present Nabob Duan &^a^ Governours in Bengall are inclinable to favour us and the demands there not exceeding the debts due to the Honble Comp^a^, I must conclude our goeing down by prudent managem^t^ may be very beneficiall and advantagious to our Masters and y^t^ tho it Should happen they would not permitt us to Settle till arrivall of ye Phyrm^d^ (if not already received there) yet the news of one being in a readyness, wch doubtless they (as well as we) have notice of, will persuade them to allow us liberty to make use of this monsoon, especially Seeing the Kempthorns arrivall there freighted from Surrat with Moors goods.

Job Charnock.

Mr Wavell's:

There haveing been many debates in Councill about the resettlem^t^ of Bengall but no resolves would be made thereon till a firme peace was concluded wth the Mogull at Bombay and a Phyrmaund deliverd us Coppy of which we have lately received from thence, which tho not soe ample and satisfactory as I could wish for,

yet to me does appear a declaration of Peace & freindship to the English, & confirmation of our former priveledges, upon which the Gentlemen of Surrat have thought fitt to lett severall of our Ships to freight to the Moors, who doubtless never would have freighted on them, if they were not fully Satisfyed of a Firme Peace between the Mogull and us, further we haveing lately received letters from Mess^s^: Weldon and Navarro at the Camp who enform us that they had likewise procured the Mogulls order for a Phyrmaund for Bengall and in four dayes time it would be gott ready and dispatch't away to Surrat, now Since wee have already sent a Small Stock down on the Kempthorne to be invested if can be done securely, Tis my opinion that no further time be lost, but that ye Agent and Councill be sent down as Soon as possibly whereby they may be enabled to make Investm^t^ timely for the Ships returne hither in Decemb^r^: which if can be accomplish'd will certainly be a great peice of Service to our Honble: Masters.

THO: WAVELL.

M^r^: Cheney's:

It is certaine noe designe is without its objection which are impossible in all respects to be answerd or clear'd before an experim: be made and then by honest and prudent managem^t^: of experienc'd persons the (Seeming) greatest obstacles may be put by, so that altho restitution be a maine condition of our Settlement in Surrat and not improbably also in Bengall, yet in consideration that Satisfaction in a greater measure already made there by our Merch^ts^:, who are greatly indebted to the R^t^:, Honble: Company and ye no doubt of the good Nabob of Dacca his favour I apprehend no difficulty in resettling but on ye contrary and am of opinion it is highly requisite that the Agent &^a^: be with all Speed sent down to that intent, takeing great care and observing all our cautions and instructions, my reasons also for their goeing are these, first becaus it is a trade of great proffit to the R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: and Nation as also for that things happning contrary to my desire and expectation the Ship Princess may arrive here timely to be sent with the treasure to Surrat and of greater Consequence the resettling of Bengall upon o^r^: form^r^: tearmes at least of which I apprehend noe great fear.

JOHN CHENEY.

M^r^: Fraser's:

Upon the subject matter now before y^r^: Hon^r^: &c^a^: of the Ship Princess goeing to Bengall which occasions Some Scruples and doubts, if her goeing can be with honour & Safety to the Honble: Comp^a^: & the English Nation, and Your hon^r^: desireing each of the Councill to give their reasons in writeing under their hands Signifying their opinions of the Princess goeing or not goeing to Bengall.

And first by our Consultation of the 10: of June it was agreed that the Princess should be sent with all expedition for the bay, notw^th^:standing there was not then a Phyrmaund for Bengall obtein'd, and had no reason to expect it better then that for Surrat, our Consultation of the 16th: June deferrd the Princess goeing to Bengall for the space of three weeks in which time we might reasonable expect larger advices from the Camp, which is now arrived and therefore our former doubts of a Phyrmaund for Bengall, are now reduced to certain promise and probabillity, and tho the case be very bad as it concernes the R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: yet at this present juncture, we know not how to mend the matter better then to use all endeav^rs^: to procure a proper ladeing for the Princess of Bengall goods, which the Comp^a^: seem very importunate for, if the Comp^as^: affaires in Bengall are well accomodated, know not how we can be excused to keep a chargeable Ship upon dead demorage, and the Comp^as^: Stock lye dead and not employd, and we cannot fear any inconveniency, when we consider that all the Moors ships gon from Surrat, have taken English Passes, & the Kempthorn freighted by Moors from Surr^t^: to Bengall and therefore my humble opinion is that the Princess about 15 dayes hence may be sent to Bengall whether we have or have no advices by that time from the Honble: Company unless their hon^rs^: order to the contrary arrive us before that time.

WILLIAM FRASER.

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Mr: Tho: Gray's:

In obedience to an order made last Consultation day I give this my opinion with all freedome & impartiality, haveing heard many argumts: as well for as against the resettling the factorys in Bengall upon the uncertaine news of an unknown Phyrmaund, I am at last of opinion, yt: it will be infinitely the Rt: Honble: Compas: disadvantage to attempt Such a Settlement untill we are well assured upon what tearms & know the contents of the Phyrmaund (if any) for that place since it is unanimously agreed not to accept of Such an ignominious dishonorable one as yt: received at Surrat, and we have reason to expect noe better, If the Mogull does, as in all probabillity he will, demand restitution to be made, the Merchants &a: in the bay of all money Goods &a: taken from them, as done at Surrat and all debts due to them to be paid, it will be impossible to send down Stock enough from hence to half Satisfie that one demand, and were it possible it is in my Opinion unreasonable to fling away the Compas: estate, when time with a little forbearance may procure an admition upon more easy as well as honorable tearms, if we are not over forward to embrace their shamefull base offers, I cannot perceive but that if the Princess carryes a stock for the Bay sufficient to load her home, they must either pay it away in demands made upon the Company and goe home empty or be forced to returne hither wth: it in January, when her time will be out and Saile hence in the same condition, whereas now She may carry a stock to Surrat, (where they want it) and load thence, or goe to the West Coast, which she will not be obliged to do at her returne, when her time in Charter℣ty: will be out, if the Princess Should leave ye Agent &ca behind her in the bay before the Articles of Peace complyed with, those small Vessels belonging to the Compa will be an unfitt habitation for him &a so consequently the Compas Estate must fall a Prey to the Moors, If there be noe more design'd by the Sending the Agent &ca down to the bay, then the procureing a loading for the Princess, and that they returne againe, I conceiv that thay be much easier effected, and wth much less charge by others in the Compas Service, where the title of Agent and Councill is wanting, then where there will be So much noise and Shew for these and many other considerations, I am of opinion not to Send Agent &ca to Bengall wth the Companys stock.

THO: GRAY.

Mr Willm Hatsell's:

That Mr Weldon and Mr Navarro haveing done what they can to procure a Peace, through difficulty have obteined a Phyrmaund for Surrat and Bengall, and taken their leave of ye Mogull who dismist them wth badges of his favours, so that we can expect no further news from the camp.

That the Mogull hath openly declared he is in Amity with the English, wch (I presume) is publickly know throughout his Dominions that as a confirmation of a Peace the Moors have laden Goods on our Ships both for Persia and Bengall, that in expectation of haveing a trade there we thought it necessary to intrust above lb. 1500 of the Rt Honble Companys stock upon Ship Kempthorne to be invested there.

That I verily beleive the trade of Bengall has been the most beneficiall to our Rt Honble Masters of any in India, therefore should not lett any fitt oppertunity S[l]ipp of regaining it.

That the Agent being one of very great experience in those parts, is the most fitt to treat in an affair of so great importance to the Rt Honble Compa and by sending him &a down, we shall acquitt our selves of haveing done our uttmost endeavrs in a concerne so advantagious to our Rt Honble Employers.

That if no Settlement can be procured nor Investment made ye Rt Honble Compa Stock may be Secured abd ye Princess.

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I presume they will not insist upon any demands which possibly may be made upon us, wee haveing deliverd up their Shipps &a upon a treaty of Peace made with them formerly. And the Right Honble Company haveing large summs of money oweing them in Bengall.

That the Kempthorne may be orderd to touch here in her way to Surrat and by her may be sent a supply of money for that place I presume that what Pepper the Coast of Mallabar doth produce will not be enough for the Ships that are to load there.

This is my opinion, which I submitt to yor better Judgements, and I desire never to be Soe opinionated, but upon hearing better reasons to quitt my own and adhere to them.

William Hatsell.

It being by majority of Voats resolved to hasten Ship Princess with the Agent &ca to the Bay, ye Warehouse keeper is orderd to give her all possible dispatch the Honble Company's Goods being most aboard, and that all Persons concern'd have notice to go aboard the Invoice and bill of Ladeing to be drawn up, all other Letters and papers being in readyness.

Elihu Yale.
Tho: Wavell.
Jno: Cheney.
Will: Fraser.
Tho: Gray.

Ship Jagernott belonging to the Honble President set saile this morning for 4
Manilla.

The Danes Ship Sailed this Evening for Trincambar.

The Presidents letter to Serucana Beague Governour of Metchelepatam, congratuleing the good newes of the Generall Peace between the Mogulls And us, desireing his assistance and encouragemt to our Merchants and the delivery of the Rt Honble Compa factoreys in those parts together wt belongs to them, up to our Dubash and Bramenees there, were read and approved.

Ship Defence Capt Willm Heath Commander arrived this Evening late from 5
China wth good & full returnes of the Rt Honble Companyes adventur thither, not being able to proceed on her intended Voyage to Persia according to Instructions given them by reason of the troubles in those parts and too late in the Season, the Capt yn declareing should he attempt it he should certainly hazard his Voyage, which upon consideration thereof Mr Thoms Yale &a of the Rt Honble Companys factors did think convenient to order her returne hither.

Att a Consultation Monday 7

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr: President & Governour
Mr Tho: Wavell — Mr John Cheney
Capt Jos: Haddock — Mr Wm Fraser
Mr Thoms Gray — Mr Wm Hatsell.

Agent Charnock &a desireing some money to make provision for their Voyage to Bengall its orderd that Pags 1000 be paid them and that they Acct for it.

Mr Wm Hatsell Land Custor his Accts for the months of May & June was read & past and pd into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags 290. Vz:

May

Land Customes	P 00: 8: 31:	
Chowtry Customes	288: 6: 79:	
Ruby broker	6: 11: 4:	
	294: 26: 68	
Charges deducted	1: 23:	P 293: 03: 68:

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	June		
Land Customes	P 1 : 06 : 70		
Chowtry Customes	282 : 06 : 55 :		
Ruby brokers	50 : 03 : 21 :		
	333 : 16 : 63 :		
Charges deducted	1 : 13 :	P 332 : 03 : 63	

Mr John Pitt Store keeper his book of Accts for the months of May and June were read and past and orderd that Pags 823 : 31 : be paid him to defray his disbursments as also Pags 1000 to Mr William Fraser Paymastr for the Garrison Charges.

Mr Thomas Gray Mintmaster paid into the Rt Honble Companyes Cash Pags 533 : 31 : on Acct Silver Coynage.

Mr Thomas Yale &a returning for their China Voyage on the Defence, deliverd in their Dyaryes and Accts of the Same, haveing discharg'd all to great Satisfaction.

Mr Ellis deliverd in the ballance of their books, but excused the Accts of what brought from Bengall hither, they haveing no Summs or list of them, so that we must be forc't to take it from our Connacaplyes which is orderd to be done.

ELIHU YALE.

I am Ignorant of any such sattisfactory discharge made by Mr Tho Yale in his China Voyage as is Expressed in a foregoeing paragraph of this Consultation. — THO : WAVELL.

Noe great satisfaction in bringing money back &ca : the Bengalla Warehousekeepr more to blame than Mr Ellis. — JNO : CHENEY.

To my certain knowledge Agent Charnock often refused but never asked for any money more then Pags 300—to be given their Stewart to provide for their Voyage, Mr Thomas Yale has not in this nor his former Voyage to China given any satisfactory acco as they relate to the Honble Compas affairs. — WILL : FRASER.

The Presidt may be satisfied wth his Broyrs accts but noe man that is sworne to ye Compas interest, will approve or passe them. — THO : GRAY.

Pass to Ship Trivetore (alias Jaggernot) whereof Thomas Speres is Pylot bound for the Manillaes.

Letter from Sounde Bollegee Sobidar of Cuddalore to the Honble President, acquainting him with the Kings resolves concerning Tevenapatam Fort, and the lowest Purchase for it wch is as foll Vz.

	Chucc.
To Rama Raja for the Fort	100000
Bromolo Puntulo	8000
His brother	5000
To the Coart Officers	7000
	120000

In answer to which was that he was sorry the King was so Hard that he could not comply there with, but Since he had made a propo[sall] for it he is willing to Stand to it, and will duely pay the money upon delivering the place Into our Possession.

8 Pass given to Ship New Exchange belonging to Capt Henry Burton.

Pass given to Ship St Thoma belonging to Senr Francisco Mendes Inhabitant of St Thoma.

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ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 10

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governour
MR THOMS WAVELL MR JOHN CHENEY
CAPT [*blank*] MR WM FRASER
MR THOMS GRAY MR WM HATSELL
CAPT HADDOCK *Sick.*

The President read the Acct of the Rt Honble Companys Cash for the month of June which was past in Councill, and the ballance thereof amounts to Pags 157045 : 21 : 1.

Mr Thomas Wavell and Mr John Cheney delivers in Mr John Hills Acct of Charges in the Mergee Voyage and thence to Atchein & Mallaca the ballance whereof they make due to him Pags [*blank*] but in Consideration we sent So large a Stock on that expedition and no plain Accts yet appearing or any particulars of its dispose, Tis agreed and orderd that Pags 400 be paid him now in part of this Acct and the rest to be made good to him when his Syam Accts are clear'd, and that he in the mean time to give bonds in a 1000 Pags to the Company to make good what Shall appear due to them.

Mr John Cheney paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags : 501 : 15 : for freight the Success friggot made to & from Persia and Pags : 25 : 17 : for prize goods formerly sold by Mr Ambrose Moody.

Mr John Styleman & Senr Alvaro de Fonseca delivering an Acct of the weight of the Lead sold them in [*blank*] was twelve months by Invoice, since we could not conveniently weigh it aboard the Princess we were obliged to make good the Same in China, So upon weighing of it there found 11 : Candys wanting, which they desire Satisfaction for, at the rate they paid, but in consideration yt the weights there differ something from ours, as also the tricks in the Dotchin, Tis agreed & orderd yt 6 Candy be allowd ym at ye rate they paid, wch the Warehousekeepr is orderd to pay ym & take their discharge for them.

Mr Jno Cheney makes report of ye weight of the Pepper came on the Madrass from Bencolen, wch amts to Ca 289 : 21 : ½ & that there is 6ca : 18 : 3½ wanting of what Invoiced to us from thence.

Orderd that Pags 500 be paid Mr John Pitt Provissionall Storekeeper to defray the disbursments of the Rt Honble Companys Shipping, in the necessary fitting and Storeing them for their Voyage to Bengall and that Pagos 50 be paid the Gunpowdermaker for provision of po[wder].

Orderd that Pags 1000 be paid Mr John Nicks for use of the Rt Honble Company's factorys att Conimere and Portonovo.

by ye Accots I saw there appeared a Ball due to Mr Hill.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.
JNO : CHENEY.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : GRAY.

Generall from Agent Harris &a at Surrat of the 26 of May under covert of the French Padrees adviseing the receipt of ours of the 25th March wth the severall Phyrmaunds sent Mr Weldon &a to have them confirmed and what other priviledges can be procured, which they promise to endeavour for, and advise us thereof, a Bengall Phyrmand is procured from the King wch they are in dayly expectation to arrive & upon rect thereof Shall Send us Authentick Coppye of it, under the Cozzee's hand and Seale. 14

Letter from Nabob Joll Foctier Cawn to the President returning thanks for his kindness to Alie Asker cawn desireing his continuance of it which will greatly oblige his Service on all occasions. Another from Nabob Murden Cawn present

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[14TH] Seerlascar of this Carnatt Countrey to the President, desireing him to assist Allee Asker Cawn with 1000 Pag^{s}: for his necessary expences, which is to be in part of Payment of this towns rent money.

15 Agent Charnock being designed aboard this Evening the President entertaind him and his Councill at the Fort wth a handsome dinner and Salute of Gunns for this good Voyage and Success.

16 Deliverd Capt Joseph Haddock Commander of the Princess Denmark his dispatch for Bengall;

16 Generall from Governour Laurence Pitt &^{a}: of Pollicatt to the President and Councill, desireing y^{t} the fugitive Dutchman may be deliverd to the bearers thereof M^{rss} Vanderwick and Grocius which accordingly was done upon their grant of a pardon for his life, and a Letter in answer to theirs was approved and deliverd them.

18 Shipps Princess of Denmark and Maddapollam set saile this Evening for Bengall.

Generall from Agent Harris &^{a} at Surrat rec^{d}: by the French Padree's Cossets, with the enclosed Declaration of Warr against the French King and His Majesties Warrant to the R^{t} Honble Company for the Same came out by the Benjamin Capt Leonard Brown Commander, arrived att Bombay the 28th of May last bringing the good news of Shipps Nathaniel and Rochester gone from St Helena before shee gott there, & meeting the Resolution off the Cape, adviseing allso of most part of the Siddy's Army removed from Bombay Island, and the Bengall Phyrmaund arrivd to the Governour of Surrat's hand which will be deliverd them upon notice of the Siddys and his forces removall from the Island, of which they intend to write more at large.

20 A small Deans Vessell arrived this Evening from Trincambar wth graine

MUNDAY 21

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Governour
M^{R} THO: WAVELL M^{R}: JOHN CHENEY
M^{R}: WILL^{M}: FRASER M^{R}: THOM^{S}: GRAY
M^{R}: WILL^{M} HATSELL.

Receiving late Advices from the Agent &^{a} att Surrat of the 10th Past, encloseing their Majesties Declaration of Warr against France also a Warrant for our Hostillity in these Parts, both which are orderd to be solemnly proclaimed tomorrow morning at the Fort Gate, Chowtry and Sea Gate accompanied by Capt Thos Gray and Mr Wm Hatsell and attended with a Company of Soldiers, the Sec^{ry} and town Clark &^{a} formalityes as usuall in such cases, Tis likewise orderd that their Authentique Coppy be sent to Bengall.

A letter to the Agent &^{a} at Surrat read & past to be sent by the French Padres conveyance.

The Nabob Allemorde Cawn haveing wrote to the President to pay Nabob Alle Asker Cawn Pag^{s} 1000 in part of our town rent money, which is likewise demanded by Arsumma Naique the present Userper of this Countrey, which we have as often excused and delay'd, but Supposeing that his Goverment and possesion of the Countrey can be of noe long continuance and least we should disoblige the King, and his officers, and occasion a breach of late Peace, Tis agreed that the money be paid to Alle Asker Cawn in part of the rent upon his receipt of the Same, provided he will give in Town Security to endemnifie us from future demands thereon.

A proposall made for the calling all the English men into the Garrison and removall of all poor Topasses and Porteguezes into the Outward town, they being of no Advantage, but much the contrary and a great offence and Scandall to the place, besides the Government of St Thoma have long Since declared that no

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English Should buy houses or land there, but nothing resolved thereon, till further consideration, in the meantime tis agreed and orderd that all the houses, Godownes &a buildings, within the Garrison town be Registerd, and that the Land lords of every great house doe pay the Honble Company two Pagodas for registring and the small ones 1 Pago : each and 8 and 4 fanams for the Registers fees, which is to commence on Micklemas day next and that upon the Same day yearly, the Registers and Allienations be examined by a Coart appointed and held for that purpose, and that all Allienation to pay the same fees to the Compa & registers and that noe Sale, Allienation Mortgage or Pawn, of any houses land, Goedownes or other buildings within Said Town Shall be legall Authentick or of any force or obligation except the same be duely made by our Said Register & by him expressly registred from and after the aforesaid 29th day of September next 1690.

Upon Consideration of some late misdeameanours, Tis orderd that no Person under of ye Councill whatever in the Honble Compas Service do lye out of the Garrison or town without giveing notice to the Governour and have his consent to it and upon willfull disobedience thereto to be fined as the Governour shall Judge disserving.

Orderd that Mr John Cheney and Mr Fraser do call Capt Heath to Acct for the Gunns Rice &ca of the Rt Honble Companys ship't aboard of him in Bengall, which he has not yet given us an Acct of,

Mr Littleton deceasing, the examination of Mr Wm Cawleys Accts was neglected which Mr Wavell and Mr Cheney are now orderd to look over and report what Errors they find therein.

Silver being Grown extreamly Scarce and deer in so much that our Silver coynes are either transported or melted, so that the Town is in great want of small money for change for the markets and other necessary Occasions, to prevent which inconveniency for the future, the Mint Master is orderd to coyne the Silver fanams lesser Vz : 30 fans to each ounce of Standard Silver, whereas 'twas formerly 24 the ounce, but that the Matt be the same.

The Paymaster is orderd to hasten the finishing the Outworks and River and keep all in good repair, and to fortifie what is wanting.

Orderd that the Warehousekeeper do unlade the Honble Compas Silks, Tea, China Ware from aboard the Defence, to make way for the getting out the Tootenague.

Elihu Yale.

I except ye being at any further charge in fortifying ye out towne & River it being in my oppinion Soe much mony throwne away & noe ways a safe guard to this Garrison. } Tho : Wavell.

The Outworkes are not only expencive but of greate & dangerous Consequence not haveing ½ men enough. } Jno : Cheney.

In a Consultation of Decembr last I excepted against that labour in Vain but Vast Charges of the mudd Poynts which by the moonsoon Rains, & their now falling down, proves like that of Penelopies Webb & therefor not to be at any more Charges upon them on acct of the Rt : H : Compa objected by me. W : F : this 29 of Septemr : 1690. } Will : Fraser.

The outworkes will be a constant charge by their continuall falling, & I see noe likelyhood of ye Compas being reimbursed by ye Natives, as our Govr promised when first begun them or to repay ye Compa their charge himselfe, therefore will not consent to ye expending one fanam more upon ym by ye Compa. } Tho : Gray.

This morning according to an order of yesterdays consultation their Majesties 22
Declaration of war against the French King and Warraut was Proclaimed, and read by the Secretary at the Sea Custome house, the Chowtry and the Fort Gate accompanyed by Capt Thomas Gray & Mr William Hatsell, with a Company of Soldiers, & other usuall formalitys and Solemnitys.

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24 Ship S[t]: Thoma belonging to Señ: Francisco Mendes of S[t]: Thoma sett Sail for Bengall by which conveyance the President &[a]: wrote a Gen[ll]: of this days date to the Agent and Councill of Bengall encloseing coppies of their Majesties declaration of Warr against the French and Warrant ordering their prosecution of them.

Three great Dutch Ships past by this Evening to the Southward, Supposeing the Governour Laurence Pitt to be upon one of them, being bound for Negapatam, haveing removed all their forces from Pollicat thither.

MONDAY 28: No Consultation the President being at y[e] Mount.

30: The President returnd from the mount.

AUGUST Ꝑmo: This morning came to an Anchor a mile distant from the road the Heer Laurence Pitt with five Saile of Ships Sending a letter to the President and Councill, adviseing that upon their arrivall at Porto Novo was Surprized with the news of a french fleets arrivall on the Coast of Zeilon, consisting of Six larg Shipps which had taken a fly boat of theirs out of the bay of the Nilwellee, about the $\frac{10}{20}$ of last month, and tis Supposed are bound to this Coast, and least they should also make their assaults upon their Pesterd Shipps, which in all probabillity were not able to defend them, they thought it Safe to return hither, where they desire protection from & with all to consult with the President and Councill, what Shall be most expedient in this affair against our Enimyes.

THURSDAY Ꝑmo: [AUGUST]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R]: President & Govern[r]:
M[R]: THOMAS WAVELL M[R]: JN[O]: CHENEY
M[R]: WILL[M]: FRASER M[R]: THO: GRAY
M[R]: WILL[M]: HATSELL.

M[r]: John Cheney Warehousekeeper read the acc[t]: of remaines received from M[r]: Tho: Wavell late Warehousekeeper the first of May as also his Acc[ts] of Sale for the months of May and June.

There being severall Toyes in the Goedown the Warehousekeeper is orderd to dispose of them at publick outcry to prevent any further loss thereon.

Letters to the Agent &[a] of Bengall and to the severall factorys on the Coast of India read & past.

The Heer Laurence Pitt Governour of Pollicat haveing some dayes since past this Port with three Shipps bound with Pollicat Stores & ammunition for Negapatam, but being [on] the way Surprized wth the Newes of a French fleet arrived on Zeiloan who had taken a fly boat of theirs and was Supposed to be bound for this Coast, which occasion'd the Governour's returne and Sending a letter to the President &[a] to desire our permission for His fleets anchoring in this road under our protection, and to joine with our Shipps against the Enimy, and to consult with the President &[a] what shall be most expedient in this Affair whose letter was accordingly answerd and liberty granted, came to an Anchor paying all accustomary Civillityes to the place, and Tis agreed that upon his comeing ashoare he be entertained according to his quallity & buisness and that we unite our forces as well for the defence of our Shipps as the Garrison, there being a report that the french fleet sent out consists of 17: Men of War which is a very considerable force for us to dispute with all. It is therefore orderd that the Paymaster doe entertaine as many European Soldiers and Gunners Assistants as he can, as also Mustesees and Topasses till this allarming danger be past and Gunner Ivory being lately deceas't, Cap[t] Putsham is appointed and orderd to Succeed in that employ as Gunner of the Fort, being well quallified therein and that the Stores and ammunition be accordingly deliverd him.

Ship Bencolen being not yet fitted, as also for the greater Security of the Defences ladeing the Warehousekeeper is orderd to unlade as much of the Sugars and Tutenague as possible, that she may be cleard and fitted for the Service we

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may occasion for her, and that notice be given to all the Countrey Vessells to be in readiness to make the best defence they may have occasion against.

Mr Edwar: Mountague giveing notice that his time of factorship for three years was expired the [*blank*] May last, Tis orderd, that he take his degree of a Merchant according to the Rt Honble Compas rules, and his Sallary to be accordingly allow'd him.

Mr Wm Fraser Paymaster his book of Accts for the month of June was read and past the ꝑticulars viz

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1476 :	27 :	1/2
Charges Generall	"	425 :	23 :	1/2
Charges Extraordy :	"	49 :	19 :	1/4
Charges Dyett	"	409 :	25 :	5/8
Charges Merchandize	"	91 :	18 :	3/8
Charges Cattle	"	16 :	17 :	1/4
Acct Fortification repaires	"	377 :	14 :	11/16
West Coast	"	4 :	31 :	
	Pags:	2844 :	33 :	7/16

Mr John Cheney late Paymaster his book of Accts for the month of May was read and past and the ball thereof appeares to be, due to the Rt Honble Company Pags: 745 : 26 : 5/8.

For the month of May.

Charges Garrison	Pags :	1519 :	31 :	1/4
Charges Generall	"	387 :	09 :	1/4
Charges Dyett	"	332 :	06 :	1/2
West Coast	"	211 :	— :	—
Charges Merchandz :	"	24 :	30 :	1/4
Fortifications & Repaires	"	324 :	29 :	3/4
Charges Extraordy :	"	25 :	04 :	1/2
Charges Cattle	"	13 :	10 :	3/4
Profft : & Loss lost Coyning Gold Fan	"	3 :	2 :	1/2
	Pags :	2841 :	16 :	3/4

Elihu Yale
Tho : Wavell
Jno : Cheney
Will : Fraser
Tho : Gray

Generall from Mr Charles fleetwood at Chiccacull adviseing that the Seerlascar refuses the enlargement of the Rt Honble Compas Servants and concernes without an order from Nabob Alle Merdacawne which he desires the procurery of. 2

Generall to Mr Charles fleetwood &a at Chiccacull of this dayes date with Coppy of a letter to the Seerlascar of that Countrey. also Pagodas 200 sent ym by the Madrass friggot for their necessary expences, which for want of they were in humanly used, ordering them to forward the Companys Investment wt possibly they can as also the Sloop Thomas for the Bay for their Assistance and the Bringantine hither with graine. 2

Generall to the Agent & Councill of Bengall to be sent by the Madrass friggot with a Ladeing of Tootenague, adviseing of the French fleet being on the Coast of Zeilon, and our expectation of their Suddain arrivall on this, and great probabillity of their goeing down to the Bay, which they must prepare against. 3

The Madrass friggot Willm Brooks Commandr Sett Saile this morning for Bengall ordering her to touch at Vizagapatam & deliver the money and Advices for that place. 4

The Heer Laurence Pitt being designd to come ashoare this day, Mr Thomas Wavell & Mr John Cheney were orderd to attend upon him aboard and conduct him ashoar.

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This Evening the Dutch Governor Landed & was kindly received by the President at the Sea Custome house Gate, and thence conducted to the fort, well-comeing him with 21 great Gunns, with all other due respects & civillityes and Suitable to his quallity and the great allyance of the Nations.

5 This morning rec^{d} newes of the French fleets arrivall at Pullicherry consisting of eight Saile of Shipps two of which is reported to have been taken from the Dutch wth a considerable treasure aboard of them, betwixt Zeiloan and Negapatam being bound thither from Batavia—and so to Bengall. also reporting to have mett and destroyd a Europe Shipp of ours at the Island of Joanna, but what she was or the certainty thereof Is not yet known.

6 An entertainment made for Governour Pitt and the rest of the Dutch People.

7 This Evening Governour Pitt returnd aboard to order and putt his fleet in a posture of Defence against the French.

Soundee Bollegee Subidar of Conimere arrived this morning from Rama Raja King of the Morattaes and the Chingie Countrey to treat about ye Moratta fort at Tegnapatam.

8 By a letter to Sen: Barth: Rodrigoes &^{a} Via France we have advice of the Rochesters Safe arrivall at Plimouth and the Sad loss of Ship Nathaniel, foundering in the Channell, in Company of the Rochester which was also in a dangerous condition, proveing extream leaky, and had it not been a great providence and the assistance of the Nathaniels men who were all Sav'd, She had been also founderd in the Sea.

Some French fugitives lately running away from this fleet at Pullicherry gives us the following Relation of the unhappy loss of Ship Herbert at Joanna. That in february last the French fleet consisting of Six Saile of men of War Set Saile from France and in their way at Joanna most unhappily surprized the Herbert att Anchor, under Dutch Coulors, but Soon discoverd their disguise by Surround and fighting her, She makeing a brave resistance against all Six for three hours, when upon approaching darkness She endeavour'd to quitt herself from them and putt off to sea but being overpowerd she was fatally cleard from her cruell Enimyes, by the blowing up of the ship supposed rather by choice then Accident, and they also report her to be a very rich Shipp, and that near 300 Souls perrisht in her distruction, the inhumane french giveing noe quarter to ye poor Creatures, that were blown up through the flames into the sea, but basely murderd them as they were crawling half roasted up their Shipps for life & mercy declareing they would noewhere give quarter to the English, the French report ye Captaine and many of her men escap't in a boat to Johanna. God grant it proves true, if so they will Soon gett conveyance for Bombay, where we think they were bound, from Johanna the french fleet Steerd for Pullicherry and in their way at Zeiloan took two Dutch Shipps with money and goods to the Value of 50000 Pagod^{s}: from thence they Sailed to the Coast caruising from Trincambar to Pullicherry the 3 Instant. They arrived there with 8 Saile of Shipps. Where they were Victualling and fitting them, putting their Treasure and Sick and wounded men ashoare, makeing great preparation as they report for Syam, Tanassaree or Bengall.

SATURDAY 9

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} President & Govern^{r}
MR THOM^{S} WAVELL Mr JOHN CHENEY
MR WILL^{M} FRASER M^{r} THO GRAY
MR WILL^{M} HATSELL.

Soundee Bollogee Subidar of Conimere, arriveing yesterday from Rama Raja King of the Chingie Countrey to treat about their Settling Tegnapatam Fort to the R^{t} Honble Company, for wch according to our former Consultations as affor'd 50000 Chuckarums. which we were in hopes to have had it for, by reason

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of this considerable Persons comeing upon that offer, but contrary to our expectations he is only fall'n from their first demands of 150000 to 120000 Chuckarums and this day declares the lowest of his limitts is 100000, which if we will not give, desires to be dispatch't home for Chengie tomorrow, which is the Cheif reason of this meeting, when the President duly representing the Honble Comp^as^ orders for the buying of Trincambar and either to buy or purchase liberty to build a Fort in the Chingie Countrey, which could not be effected und^r^ three times the charge of this Fort, it being reported to be very Strong double wall'd about 500 foot long and 400 broad, with many buildings & conveniences therein, all of free and Iron stone, which tis said cost the builder a rich Gentue Merchant, named Chinna Chette above 100000 Pag^s^ excellently well Scituated in a plentifull Countrey for Cloth trade and provisions, near the Sea Surrounded with a good river, whose barr is constantly open and capable of receiving Vessels of 100 Tonns, The President also deliverd in his draft of the Phyrmaund he required for its Sale and o^r^ priviledges thereto, which if procureable would themselves be worth much more then we have offerd, upon consideration whereof and the great Service and advantage it will be to the Honble Companys future trade, and that if we should loose this offer and oppertunity, or if it Should fall into the Mogulls hands, that it could not then be purchased at five times So much, also the charge of mantaining it will not be more then what we are now at wth the Conimeer and Porto Novo factoryes, ye Same Soldiers being Sufficient to maintaine it and that in all probabillity a few years will improve it to good revenues as well of the Customes and trade as of the large distance of ground we are to have to it, Tis therefore approved and agreed that rather then loose it we give 10000 Chuckarums more for it to the King, Cheif Ministers &^a^ which makes the Summe of 60000 chuckaraes each 10 great fanams 18 whereof makes a pagoda am^ts^ to Pag^s^ 33333 : 12 : Currant coyne of Madrass to be paid after delivery of said Phyrmaund and the fort &^a^ under the Royall Seal and order and that we have full possession thereof and not before.

The french fleet being Still at Pullicherry makeing great preparation for Some designe or Voyage, which they sometimes report to be for Tanasare other times for Bengall but least their intentions Should be for this place, the Paymaster and Storekeeper are orderd with the Officers and Gunners to get all things in readiness for the defence of the Place, the Governour also giveing them a role, where the Councill &^a^ are orderd to the charge and Command of ye sever^ll^ Gates, Bullworks and Points in the Garrison, quartering our soldiers and Gunners, accordingly as enterd next after this Consultation, ordering each person to Vissit his Posts, tomorrow morning to repair or Supply the wants or defects of each place, and there being now little charge or buisness at Conimere and not much danger of this place, Tis orderd that all but 12 soldiers and Gunners do wth their Capt James Leslye &^a^ officers hasten hither with all expedition to strengthen our Garrison and Shipps, which are in great want of them.

The Warehousekeep^r^ is orderd to hasten the unladeing of the Defence, and to unlade 300 Candy of the Tutenague upon the Satisfaction to be dispatch't as soon as possibly for Bengall, & that the rest and Sugars be taken ashoar, and laden upon the Bencolen, when She arrives from Porto Novo, and that She also proceed to the Coast of India, Bombay and Surrat, it being so scarce and dear there, that we doubt not, twill bring the Honble Comp^a^ good advance upon the price of this Place.

The Saphir is orderd to take in the Honble Comp^a^ goods appointed her for Atchein and Sumatra, as Soon as possible, as also what freight goods in readiness at the usuall rates, Viz 8 ℘ Cent Course goods, 6 ℘ Cent fine and 5 ℘ Cent for ophium in specie or at the prizes the goods shall sell for at Atchein, ye carefull receipt and acc^t^ thereof as also the other Sailes of the Honble Comp^as^ Cloth and Iron at Atchein is recommended and consigned, to Capt Wm Tuer & Mr Vicessimus Griffith, who are to be accountable for all to ye Cheife &^a^ at Bencolen, as also to us at their returne, & that her dispatch hence be hastned to carry our advices to the West

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Coast of the defences Suddain following her, to be loden thence with pepper for Europe, and that in consideration of her large Tonnage they use their most industrious endeavours to procure sufficient for her, which we are in great hopes of, they haveing had so much time & money for it, y^{t} advices also be sent y^{m} of this french fleet as also of y^{os} are reported to be gone for Syam.

The Honble Comp^{as} Serv^{ts} & concernes at Gingerlee being Still under restraint, the President Wrott to the Gen^{ll} Joll Foctier Cawn & New Nabob Allemarde Cawn in free and plain tearmes ab^{t} ye cruell injustice of ye Seer lascar, & that they would order their release since we were now at Peace, wth the Mogull, & all things taken by our people at Surrat redeliverd & that ye King had promist the same to us, wch we as justly expected from them, besides our great kindness and protection here to many of the Kings Servants deserved better usage, letter read and past.

Besides Mr James Wheeler Mr Fra: Betts, Mr Vanden Anchor, Mr Mountague is also orderd and appointed assistant to the bookkeep^{r}, he being the most experienc't person in Acc^{ts} of any factor belonging to the place.

Septemb^{r} 26 1690 ELIHU YALE.

I except ye entry of many things in this & severall oy^{r} Consultac͞ons, wch is for ye most part unagreeable to o^{r} debates in Councill. } THO : WAVELL.

Idem. JN^{o} : CHENEY.

In the foregoing Paragraphs of this Consultation relating to the buying of Tegnapatam ffort I wholly disagree to it for Reasons allready given in Council. The paper drawn for quartering the Council at their severall posts was done soly by the President without the privity of any of the Council when indeed upon such like unforseen accidents we ought to have a generall Council. } WILL : FRASER.

I except against a great many entryes in our former Consultations, they being not agreeable to our Debates in Councill, but just w^{tt} ye Govr pleases for his purpose, & in praise of his unknowne services & many materiall things omitted, & Consultations sometimes for twelve months together never seen nor signed. } THO : GRAY.

Disposure & Appointment of the Garrison forces to their Severall Posts in the fort and Garrison in case on an Assault, viz. :

The Governour to command the Fort wth 100 Soldiers, besides Officers, and Gunners to assist and Supply where there shall be most occasion.

Mr Tho Wavell Capt of the Sea Gate, Dover and Plimouth Batteryes wth 60 Soldiers & officers and Gunners.

Mr John Cheney Capt of St Thomas' Gate Point curtaine and Sally Port wth 40 Sold^{rs} &^{a}

Mr Wm Fraser Capt of York Point Middle Gate curtaine & Sally Port wth 50 soldiers &^{a}

Capt Tho Gray Command^{r} of y^{e} Trainbands & James Bullwork w$_{th}$ Gunners and Officers & 20 Soldiers.

Mr Wm Hatsell Capt of the Chowltrey Gate & Gloster Point wth 40 Soldiers, Gunners &^{a}

Mr Thomas Yale Command^{r} of Charles Tower and Sall[y] port wth 20 Soldiers Gunners & officers.

Mr Hen^{ry} Alford Command^{r} of Queens Tower wth 12 Soldiers 20 peons Gunners & officers.

Mr John Haynes & Mr John Pitt to command the out points and town wth 50 Soldiers 150 Peons Gunners and officers.

The Paymaster and Storekeep^{r} to see that the gunners have their great gunns in Readiness Mortars and Granadoes fitted, also cartriges filled and Shott Sorted, and that 100 Setts of spare Bandeleers be prepared on the Gaurd with Shott and Powder.

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Gen^{ll} to Conimere of this date ordering them to a posture of Defence. 9

A Report of the arrivall of 5 saile of dutch Shipps at Negapatam Sent for the assistance of the rest, in this Port. 10

Generalls to the West Coast wth advices of the present Circumstances. 12

Tis reported but three Shipps remaining in Pullicherry road. 13

Att a Consultation

Wednesday. 14

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr President & Govern^{r}
Mr Thomas Wavell Mr John Cheney
Mr Willm: Fraser Mr Tho: Gray
Mr Willm: Hatsell.

Notwithstanding the late allowance about the purchaseing Tegnapatam Fort, the President has so argued the case and managed y^{t}: buisness with Sounde Bolloge, that he has brought him to a complyance and agreement for 1000 Chuccaraes, more to the Cheif Bramenee & 500 Chuckarums to him &^{a}: Officers after delivery of the Fort and our Settlement therein also his son [*blank*] to be entertaind Moratta Bramenee to the Fort or factory at 5 Pag^{s}: ℘ month dureing his life, Sounde Bollogee's agreement for the Fort, Ground &^{a}: priviledges, according to Phyrmaund deliverd him, also the Presidents obligation for the Payment of 51000 Chukaraes after all is duely effected, all which papers are enterd next after this Consultation. and Since this Affair is so well prosecuted tis agreed & orderd that all things be hastned to a conclusion, & that Sounde Bollogee be dispatch't as soon and as privately as possible to prevent murmur & mischief.

Wee haveing (to little purpose) been near these 18 months disputeing & agreeing with the Minters about the Silver Coynage, but their demands were So high and unreasonable on pretence of the great want of Silver & much trouble in coyning those Small peices, but the President pretending to discharge them and Send for and employ a new Bramene and sett of Minters, prevaild with them more then all former Reasons or perswasions & y^{s} day came to a firme contract with them. Viz^{t}: To allow them two and a half fanams ℘ C^{t} in full of all Cooly, coyning, wast coals, potts &^{a}: charges in that buisness, and that for the said Consideratiõ of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ cent they are to return the same exact weight in fanams which they receive in standard Silver, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ C^{t}: only deducting to which contract, the said Bramenees, Goldsmiths Washers &^{a}: voluntarily Signed and deliverd their obligation to the President, who gave it in Custody of the Mintmast^{r} M^{r}: Thomas Gray, who is orderd now to hasten, the coyning of as much Silver as possibly at 30 fanams standard ℘ oz which is 7^{sh}: 6^{d}: ℘ oz : a very considerable advantage and revenue to the Honble Comp^{a} & being So great a Proff^{t} Tis possible may tempt some avaricious Persons to counterfitt the coyne or make them privately, to prevent which Tis hereby made and delivered a Law that such a crime shall be Judg'd in these Coarts fellony and the offenders Suffer the law as fellons, & this Law the Justices are orderd to publish and Affix upon the Citty gates.

The french fleet being Still at Pullicherry makeing great preparations for some hostile designe, and there being great reason to Suspect their Assaulting the Dutch and our shipps in this road, Twas therefore proposed to hyre and man some of the ablest countrey Vessells in the road to Joine with the Dutch fleet, and that ye Governour and the Heer Pitt consult thereon and draw up rules and orders for the fleet in case of an engagement, that we may not be Surprized into a Confusion.

Mr John Butterfeild delivering in two bills of Provisions and expences, the China factors were at in their passage hither from Atchein which being examined and approved by ye Cheif &^{a} Mr Fraser is orderd to discharge them under the head of that Voyage.

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Mr Danill Dubois satisfieing us by his Indentures that his factors time was expired tis orderd that according to the Honble Comp^as^ rules he commence Merchant and take his Place and Sallary accordingly.

The Soldiers complaineing much of the badness and deerness of their Coats, the cloth being something old and damag'd, the Warehousekeeper is orderd to Sell it them at the rate of 18 Pag^os^ the Peice.

The President read his Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Honble Cash for the month of July the Ballance examin'd amounting to Pag^s^: 150622 : 17 : 01.

Mr John Pitt read his Storekeepers Acc^ts^ for the month of June to which no objection The Honble Comp^as^ Merch^ts^ haveing been often Summond and prest to the compleating their old Contract and commenceing a new one, that the Honble Company's Stock may be employ'd and their Ships laden, but they still bring us nothing but excuses, by reason of ye continued War and Scarcity, of which they deliverd in a gentue paper of that import, which is orderd to be translated.

ELIHU YALE.
THO : WAVELL.

The und^r^ written ℘ Mr Fraser is very true ... ... JNO : CHENEY.

Note That in the whole affair of barganing and agreeing for the buying of Tegnapatam ffort, not any one of the Council as I know of & as themselves have said, nor the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Dubash was privie to, but that matter was privately tranceacted by the Presid^t^ & Sownde Bollogee and a Dubash of no good fame, the Interpreter so that it seemes the price now mention'd was aggreed on before, & serves only for a fine flowrish, objected by W. F. } WILL: FRASER.

What Mr Fraser has Objected is in every respect true—T.G. THO : GRAY.

Coppy of a Phyrmaund drawn by the Honble President agreed to by Sounde Bollogee to be firm'd by Rama Raja King of the Chengie Countrey for the sale of the Fort Ground & priveledges at Tegnapatam to the R^t^ Honble Comp^a^ q^ts^ Viz

Whereas Wee Rama Raja by the Providence of God King of the Chengie Kingdome &^a^ Territories, have at the desire of the Honble Elihu Yale Governour &^a^ Councill of the Citty and Castle of Madrass and Chinnapatam for Acc^t^ of the R^t^ Honble English East India Company and from our Royall Love and freindship to them and their Nation, have condiscended to sell and grant unto the said Elihu Yale &^a^ for Acc^t^ of the s^d^ R^t^ Honble Inglish East India Comp^a^ upon ye just consideration and Satisfaction of fourty thousand Chuckaraes paid by our order to our Servant Ragogee Pontuloo which I hereby acknowledge to have rec^d^ and do for ourselves Heirs and Successors freely and fully give and make over the Fort of Tevenepatam, with all its gunns, buildings &^a^: necessaryes thereunto belonging to be for ever the Said English Comp^as^ proper and rightfull Possession, as also all the ground Woods and Rivers round the said Fort wth in the randome Shott of a great Gunn, to be in their Sole and free Possession and and Government and that the said Comp^a^ or their Assignes, shall have at any time full power and liberty, to dispose, alter, build or plant the said ground wth in the said limitts, or to be for the feeding their Cattle makeing of gardens or dwellings for their Merchants and Servants, to be soly under the disposure and order of the s^d^ English Comp^a^ and noe others whatsoever and that neither the Duan, Subidars, Avaldars or any other Governours or Officers, Shall upon any pretence whatever have anything to Say or doe within the said fort or ground thereunto belonging, but that the Sole Goverment & Possession of the same, Shall be in the s^d^ English Comp^a^: and their Governours &c^a^: so long as the Sunn and Moon endures, to be govern'd by their own Lawes and Customes [both] Civill Martiall and Criminall, and to coyn money, either under our Royall Stamp or Such other as they shall Judge

convenient, both in Silver or Gold and that no Stop imposition, Custome, or Junckan [14TH] be at any time layd or imposed thereon or upon any goods belonging to the English Comp^{a} or their Servants, that Shall be either bought or Sold within our Countrey or Territoryes & we also hereby Promise to Assist and defend y^{m} in the quiett and free Possession thereof, from ye French and all other European Nation or others and all this we fully and freely grant from our Selves heirs and Sucessors to the s^{d} English Company and Servants, given under our Roy^{ll} Signett at our Coart in Chingie this [*blank*] Augt 1690.

Coppy of a Rec^{t} to be given by Soundee Bollogee and firmd by Rama Raja King of the Chinjie Countrey for the purchase of Tegnapatam, ffort &^{a} Vz:

I Soundee Bollogee Servant to the Magnificent Rama Raja King of the Chingie Countrey &^{a} have by his Authority and order agreed and contracted with the Honble Elihu Yale Governour of Madrass &^{a} Councill for the said Kings fort at Tegnapatam with ground, Priveledges and all things belonging thereto, according to the forme of a Phyrmaund now deliverd me by the said Governour &c^{a} for the summe of fifty one thousand five hundred Chuckarums to be paid the the King, after delivery of said Phyrmaund and Fort into the Said Governours &^{a} free and Secure Possession for Acc^{t} of the R^{t} Honble English East India Comp^{a} Wittness my hand this 15 day of July in Madrass 1690.

ELIHU YALE.

ATT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY 15

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}: President & Govern^{r}
M^{R}: THO: WAVELL   M^{R}: JOHN CHENEY
M^{R}: WILL^{M}: FRASER   M^{R}: THO: GRAY
M^{R}: W^{M}: HATTSELL.

The french fleet of Seaven Saile appearing about 8 this morning the Garrison was allarm'd, the Gates shutt and orders given for all Persons to repair to their Severall Posts, the Gunners to gett the Gunns &^{a} in readyness and all possible preparation made to offend the Enimy and defend the place, Capt: Heath orderd aboard his Ship with 60 Soldiers, besides officers, and reformadoes and notice and assistance given to all the other Shipps to prepare for an engagement if they assaulted us, advice also to the Dutch Governour and fleet that one of the french fleet was a fire Ship therefore to prepare against her, who couragiously returnd the Governour answer, that he was in readiness and feard them not. God grant us Success.

ELIHU YALE.

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This Consultaçon posssibly might have been Intended by ye Presid^{t} but there was neither meeteing or any Summons y^{t} I know of.	THO: WAVELL.
neither summons nor meeteing	JN^{O}: CHENEY.
no summons, Consultation or meeting as I know of, but our men & Sold^{rs} were quarterd in many places where the great gunns could not be brought to bear while the Ships wanted many we could spare.	WILL: FRASER.
This was a Consultation wthout any summons & kept only by ye Presid^{t} all ye Councill knowing noething of it.	THO: GRAY.

A Relation of this Dayes Action & engagem^{t} of Warr twixt the Enimy the french fleet and ours in this road:

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Tuesday 15 This being St Lovis's day the French fleet appeard in Sight about 8 in the morning consisting of seven Saile, Six men of war and a fire Shipp, all makeing as near the Shoar as the land wind would permitt them and at 11 Came to an Anchor in St Thoma road, calling there a Councill of war the Portuguez well-comeing them wth Sev^ll^ gunns and their flagg abroad, a respect not usuall amongst them to any other European Nation, and about one of the clock came Soe near, that we sent a shott from the fort to forbid their approach, which they took So little notice of, that they immediately fired on the headmost dutch Ship, all their and ours Rangeing as nigh the Shoar as possible, and soon after their whole fleet being come within Shott of ours, they lett fly with that Sharpness and fury, as is usuall to a french onsett, which was considerately returned by ours, as also playd what gunns from ye fort we could bring to bear upon them, which tho at a great distance and randome, did some execution & prevented their comeing nearer, or within our fleet, and in this heat they enterd their fire ship upon the Dutch Admirall, fixing their hooks & graplings upon her leward bow, and So blew up immediately into a flame, but was by the Courage and desterity of the dutch as Soon cutt off discharg'd from them, driveing by the rest of the fleet a great escape and mercy, which if had taken effect had undoubtedly destroyed all the Shipps in the road the french fleet being all ready to prosecute the confusion of the rest, and were as much balk't at their disappointment, however plyed their gunns wth great quickness, but little execution, and, after 3 hours hott dispute, they grew weary of the Vissit returning with greater Speed then they came not allowing themselves time to weigh their Anchor, but fairly cutt and nimbly march't like french men, bringing their fleet to an Anchor about 5 leagues off to the Southward, where they road civilly till about 10 the next day, the same Evening the Governour gave strict charge and Command to all the Captains and officers round the Garrison, to get themselves prepared and a good watch kept, Great gunns loaded and mounted, Least the Enimy should again assault us, the same was recommend to all our fleet in the road, to which was answerd, that they were in a better posture of defence, and fitter for an engagem^t^ then they were before.

16 This morning about 10 of the clock The French fleet weigh'd, Sailing gently to the Northw^d^ and in their way at Trivertore valliantly took an old deserted Countrey Vessell belonging to some Pollicatt Inhabitants, but whether they are bound God knows, but Tis conclude to Bengall, where we hope our Shipps the Princess & Kempthorne will escape them, haveing long since advised them of their arrivall on the Coast, and their probabillity of their Visitting the bay.

The Dutch and our Loss in this fight were but Seaven men kill'd and about 10 wounded and but little Prejudice to our Shipps, undoubtedly the french fleet have Suffer'd much more & their Suddain weighing is an Argument of it, besides Tis reported that their Admirall was kill'd & Severall others of note with many Seamen in all said to be 187 men with considerable damage to their Shipping and Rigging Wee also hear, there were Severall men sent ashoar and buryed in St Thoma Church, when the Town late at night fired Severall gunns, supposed to be in respect to the deceased.

18 Att a Consultation

Present

Elihu Yale Esqr: President and Govern^r^:
M^r^: Thom^s^: Wavell M^r^: John Cheney
M^r^: W^m^: Fraser M^r^: Thom^s^: Gray
M^r^: Willm: Hatsell.

Soundee Bollogee desireing that some English may accompany him to Coart to See the Agreement Confirm'd and Seald and to receive it from the King which the King and Court expected, and that except some went, they would raise So

Many Scruples on the buisness, and Suspicion on his management of it here, that he should not be able to effect what he had engaged for therein, It being also mentioned in the Cheifs Ministers letter by Sounda Bollogee to the Governour, that some English must come to Chingie to treat w[th]: out the King and him, about this Affair, which tho we are very desireous to excuse in consideration of the charges, as well as the Noise it will make among the Moors, but the whole buisness depending thereon, tis resolved Necessary, that some persons be sent to Chingie with Soundee Bollogee to Negociate and conclude this Affair, and the Honble Company, (as they have declared) haveing forbidden the Councills remove from their Stations here upon any occasion whatever, so twas proposed to Mr Thomas Yale and M[r]: Chã: Barwell to undertake the buisness which tho something hazzardous in these troublesome times and Countryes, Soldiers being encampt & scatterd round us waiting for any Prey, however in Consideration of the great Service it might be for the R[t]: Honble: Comp[a]: they accepted it, and were orderd to make all Possible hast for their departure, the President promiseing their letters and Instructions, Should be by tomorrow ready for them. [18TH]

The Warehousekeeper was also orderd to fitt a reasonable present of Broad cloth &c[a] to be sent by them to the King &[a] as also a small one for Sounde Bollogee not exceeding 60 Pag[s]:

Orderd that Pag[s] 312: be paid the reddwood Merchants on acc[t] of the old contract and provision of more redwood, the Hon[ble] Comp[a] requireing as much as possibly thereof.

Orderd that Pag[s] 500 be paid to M[r] Pitt Provisionall Storekeep[r]: for charges Shipping Stores &[a].

M[r] John Cheney Warehousekeeper Paid into the Hon[ble] Comp[as]: Cash Pa: 12000 for goods Sold by him.

M[r] Johson the Essaymast[r] continuing his Idle Sottish life, we have reason to suspect y[t] he was too great an accessary in robbing y[e] Silver out of his Warehouse in the fort, being observ'd to be more flush of money & expencive y[n]: formerly M[r] Wavell & M[r] Fraser are therefore orderd to examine him and that buisness well.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JN[O]: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

COMMISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO MESS[S] THOM[S] YALE AND CHA: BARWELL FOR THEIR NEGOTIATION TO KING RAMA RAJA, AT CHINGIE &[A]:

King Rama Raja haveing Sent his Embassadore Sounde Bollogee to treat wth us about the purchase of his fort at Tegnapatam &[a] libertys and priviledges thereunto belonging, for which the said Embassador by authority from the King his Master hath made an agreement with us; Coppy where of, as also of the Phyrmaund the King is to confirme to us, we herewith send for your direction, but Sounde Bollogee, declareing, that hee Could not performe it, except some English be sent with him, as well in respect to the King as to Satisfie him therein, for which reason and purpose, we have made choice of you to wait on him, and to See the Phyrmaund &c[a] Papers firmd by the Kings order and Signett with all other Authentick formes & ceremonys accustomary in that Coart, so as to make the purchase from them Secure to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] and to prevent all future disputes and differences therein, but you must by no means admitt of any alteration of the forme of our Phyrmaund, excepting that the Dutch factory and Town, as also Cuddalore be exempted from our limitts or randome Shott, likewise about the free Custome of our trade throughout his Countrey, which wee Should be glad you could procure, but we cannot Reasonably expect it, o[r] former agreement being to pay Custome at Conimere & Porto Novo, however use your

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[18TH] uttmost endeav^rs : for it, possibly their necessitys may make them conceed to that too, to which y^o : must warmly urge their Embassadors agreement, w^ch : brought you thither, and not easily comply wth them considering them to be a huffing crafty people that will gett what they can and will omitt no wayes to accomplish it, therefore you must be the more resolute in your management, wherein wee beleive, Sounde Bollogee will be your great freind and Assistant, however press him also to a performance of his Contract declareing you have noe Power to add or deminish from it, the Governour haveing told him the same here, however rather y^n faile you may conceed to what we have before allow'd, the place being So convenient, ye priviledges So great and all So extreamly cheap, that there can be nothing now of greater Consequence to ye Honble Company, then its purchase, which if wee loose this oppertunity for, wee must never expect so good a one, therefore use your uttmost endeavours to effect the buisness well after which desire leave to Vissit & Surveigh the place, which if they grant, Send us ꝑticular description thereof and if agreable to the draft and report, we shall as soon as possibly send a Shipp thither, with Soldiers, Gunns & Ammunition, to take and keep Possession, as also the money, according to agreement, after all is deliverd and Secured to us, haveing before presented the King &^a : which y^o : must mind y^m of, we now Send only a Small matter with y^o that you may not appear empty handed, wch we leave to your dispose, not doubting of your prudent management of this affair, which we wish you Success and safety in, dateing these at Fort S^t : George in the Citty of Madrass this 19 day of August 1690.

ELIHU YALE.
THOM^s : WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
THOMAS GRAY.
WILL^M : HATSELL.

20 A dutch fly boat arrived this morning from Negapatam.

Generall to Surrat of this days date with advices of the french fleets arrivall & actions on this Coast w^th : Duplicates of our former to be sent overland.

21 Advice of the French fleet being at Armagon fitting and repairing their Shipps.

M^r : Thomas Yale & M^r : Cha : Barwell sett forward this morning on their Journey for Chingie.

Generall to Bencolen & Indrapore read & past. As also Capt Wm Tuers dispatch for Atchein and the West Coast deliverd him.

Generall from Messrs Eyers and Braddyll at Dacca of the 28th May & 2 : of June last, adviseing of the Nabobs pressing invitation for our return and Settlement in Bengall, which if not already dispeeded, desire the Sooner we Consider thereof the more will conduce to the Honble Companys interest, the Nabob being well Satisfyed of the Kings reconciliation with us, whom they procured a Phirwanna of to the Govern^r of Hugly, for our civill reception & Settlement of trade. Coppy whereof came enclosed, as also another containing his Vacqueels writeing from Coart and is a letter of Invitation & encouragement to the Honble : President &^a : to Send down Shipping and Carry on our trade.

22 The Saphir friggot Capt : W^m : Tuer Command^r Set Saile this morning for Atchein and the West Coast with a full Loading of freight goods.

24 Nabob Alle Asker Cawn being designd to returne to the Mogulls forces and warr against the Chingie Countrey came this day and took his leave of the President returning him thanks for his kindnesses and favourable Protection, Promiseing great assurance of freindship and Service, he is capable of to the R^t : Honble : Comp^as : Affaires, who also was received and treated with all respects aud civillity that is due to him.

The Governour Laurence Pitt return'd ashore this Evening.

27 Advices to Surratt of this dayes date read & approved.

Pass to Sloop George belonging to Geo : Herron bound for Pegue.

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This morning arrived a large dutch Shipp from Negapatam wth: men & 28
amunition.

The Heer Laurence Pitt being designd this afternoon with his Retinnue aboards in order to their proceedure to the fort of Negatam. The President made an entertainment for him and the rest of the dutch people showing him all the respect and civillitys immaginable due to his quallity and Employ, and about four in the Evening he embarqued, carrying off with him, their large Treasure of 103000 Pags: was Secured for them in the fort.

This morning about 9 of the clock the Dutch fleet Sett Saile Sending a letter 29
to the President wherein he returnes thanks for the kind civillitys and protection he had recd: from him, wth: offers of his respects and Services he is capable of as is enterd Vizt:

To the Honble: Elihu Yale
Govern^r of the R^t: Honble:
English East India Compas: Affaires.

Honble Sr:

Your unexpressable civillity and the good protection wee wth: our ships have enjoy'd in your port, binds me in duty once more to offer Your Honr: most hearty thanks, & Your Honr may be assur'd, I shall at all times study and in all things, if ever occasion presents to make known to You the great impression I have of yr kindness, and So ends with a most fervent Zeal and prayers for His honrs wellfaire.

Honble

Ship Regterland
in Madrass road ye
7th September 1690.

Your Honrs most Obedient faithfull freind & Servant
Laur̃ : Pitt.

The Presidents letter to the Dutch Governr Laurence Pitt.

To the Honble: Laur: Pitt
Governr: for affaires of the Rt: Honble:
Neatherlands East India Compa:

Honble:

Tis my great Satisfaction & honr to be any wayes Serviceable to your Nation or Rt: Honble: Compa: since I know tis the desire & wt will be acceptable to their Royall Majesties and my Rt: Honble: Masters, and therefore as well from duty as inclination Shall take all oppertunitys to serve them and Your Honrs Commands & if I have been in any thing difficient, twas more from misfortune then my fault, designeing all for the best, however begg Your Honrs excuse for what may have been a miss, beleiving yo will as readily assist and oblige our Rt Honble Compas affaires wn any occasion offers for it, wn I shall as freely request it and trouble you, In ye meantime entreat Yr Honr will oblige me wth wt materiall news occurs, wch shall be duely returnd wth wt offers here, so wishing Your Honr all desireable happyness & prosperity wth Victory over our Enimyes I remain.

Fort St George
30 Augst 1690.

Honble

Your honrs most faithfull
freind and humble servt
Elihu Yale.

Pass to Shipp Sta: Rosa belonging Sr: Augustin Hart bound for Pegue. 30

Pass to Ketch Rebecca belonging to Mr: Richd: Trenchfeild bound for Tanassaree.

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SEPTEMBER ℘mo.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President & Governr
MR THOMS WAVELL   MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLM FRASER   MR THOMS GRAY
MR WILLM HATSELL.

The President read his Acct for the Rt Honble Compas Cash for the month of August, approv'd, & the ballance being Pags 158860: 17: 1.

Mr John Cheney Warehousekeeper read his Acct for the month of July wch was past.

Mr Willm Fraser Paymaster read his Acct Currant for the month of July the ℘ticculrs vz.

Charges Garrison	Pags.	1408:	02:	$\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Generall	,,	433:	05:	$\frac{3}{8}$
Charges Merchandize	,,	77:	33:	$\frac{3}{16}$
Charges Dyet	,,	358:	11:	$\frac{3}{4}$
Bengall Settlemt	,,	205:	28:	
Charges fortifications &a	,,	601:	10:	$\frac{1}{16}$
Charges cattle	,,	22:	15:	$\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Extraordinary	,,	12:	17:	
House and ground	,,	40:	—:	—:
Expedition to Tanasseere	,,	12:		
West Coast	,,	4:	31:	
	Pags.			

Orderd that Pags: 1262: be pd Mr Fraser to defray the Garrison Charges.

Mr Tho Gray read his Acct for the sea Customes for the month of June and paid on the Acct into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags: 2462: 171: 0.

Mr John Pitt Provisionall Storekeepr read his Acct Currt for the month of July.

All which Accts the Book keeper & assistants are orderd to cast up and examine, ye President & Councill haveing Sufficient other buisness and to report any errors to them.

The french fleet being undoubtedly gone to Bengall to provide goods and Salt Peter for Europe, as also to ride out the Monsoon there, gives us reason from the unavoydable danger of them, to alter our resolution in sending the Satisfaction with Tutenague thither, it being too great a risgoe, tis resolved that she proceed wth the Success and Bencolen to the coast of India & Surrat, the Markets being reported to be very good in those parts, especially for Sugar, ye warehouse keeper and storekeepr are accordingly orderd to load and hasten their dispatch thither.

Tis also orderd that the Defence be unladen wth all possible hast and that She may be dispatch't for the West Coast, where we hope she may receive a full lading of pepper, they haveing had much time to provide it. 100 Candy of red wood orderd aboard her for kintellage. They wanting money at Conimere for charges there & at Porto novo for fitting the Bencolen 500 Pags is orderd to be sent thither overland. Our boat wth planks & stores haveing luckily escaped the french.

Ally Murde Cawn Nabob of this Carnatt & Gingerlee Countrey haveing importunately wrote the President to pay the Nabob here 1000 Pags & to his Uncle, Mahomed Sherif Beague 700 on Acct of our town rent money, which the President has long avoy'ded & Excused, the Countrey being yet unsettled and uncertaine, to whom the Goverment will fall but the Mogull's forces here being too great to doubt their thorough conquest, they haveing taken sevll Castles, and advanc't as far as Conjevorom and nearer us, and Since the money has been long due, and must be Suddainly paid, Tis agreed and order'd that only the rent money

be paid them that is 1200 Pag[s] due to June last viz., 800 to the Nabob and 400 [℘ᵐᵗ] to his Uncle, they giveing sufficient receipts for it, which may oblige both the Nabobs whereas the longer forbearance may gaine their ill will, & be very prejudiciall to the town & the Comp[as] Affaires, also y[t] a small ℘sent be sent Nabob Alle Asker Cawn wth the 800 Pag[s] by Cap[t] Gray.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JN°: CHENEY.
WILL[M]: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

Generall from M[r] Thom[s] Yale & M[r] Ch: Barwell from Chingie, where they arrived the 30th last month, adviseing that they had a conference about the purchase of Teagnapatam Fort, and ground the latter they Seem to object, Saying it was too large it would include, the Dutch factory and Cuddalore, So seing they could not bring y[m] to any tearms they took their leaves till the morrow, when wth a small bribe to the Cheif Bramenee brought the Young King to allow us w[t] towns Villages &[a] our guns could command their rents &[a] free possession to the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] and accordingly has the Phyrmaund drawn out Verbatim to be Signed & firm'd the day foll[g] by his Majesty wth orders for the delivery of the Fort to them. 4

ATT A CONSULTATION FRYDAY 5

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ[R] President Govern[r]
M[R] [*blank*] M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] WILL[M] FRASER M[R] THOMAS GRAY
M[R] WILL[M] HATTSELL.

The Councill duely Summond.

Receiving Yesterday a letter of the 2[d] Instant from M[r] Tho Yale &[a] at Chingie adviseing that beyond expectation they had Succeeded with the King &[a] about our purchaseing Tegnapatam fort for the R[t] Hon[ble] Company and that he had not only procured the confirmation of the Phyrmaund we sent wth him which we were very doubtfull would not have been conceeded to, the libertyes and priviledges being extraordinary, but that he had also prevailed with the King to grant us y[e] Governm[t] of Cuddalore with the River and barr as also y[e] rents and revenues of Severall other Places to y[e] R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[a] as specified in y[e] Phyrmaund deliverd him, and that the King would next day dispatch them thither with one of the Cheif Ministers and a gaurd of 100 foot and 50 horse to give Possession of the place & receive the money according to agreement, w[ch] their necessityes were very pressing and in great hast for, but notwithstanding all these fair beginnings and proceedings, we must rememb[r] the Morattaes are a Crafty dangerous people and therefore not to be too farr trusted, In consideration whereof, and that we cannot be too Secure therein, Tis orderd that Some person, proposeing M[r]: W[m]: Hatsell to be Sent upon Ship Defence to take Possession of Tegnapatam fort from the Morattaes, paying the 50500 Chuckaraes or Pag[s].

According to agreement and that he also to fortifie and Settle the Garrison as shall be Judged most convenient and Secure, and for that purpose Tis orderd that some fact[rs]: be sent to be of Councill there, also a Leivten[t]: two Ensignes, Gunner &[a] Officers 100 Soldiers 20 Matrosses, 20 Laskars 30 great gunns 100 barrills of Powder, 200 Musquetts, 100 Catouches, 100 Swords &[a]: ammunition & Stores, necessary for a Garrison and Such a Settlement, and that the Gunns, Stores, household Stuff be removed from Conimere &[a]: Southern factorys thither, as well to ease the charge as to Strengthen the Place and for the better Secureing

[5TH] & countenanceing the buisness, Tis orderd that the Honble: Comp^{as}: two Shipps Success and Satisfaction doe accompany the Defence, thither, they being laden ãd dispatcht, and it lyeing in their way, as also to Secure them from the attempt of the French att Pullicherree, and that they Proceed from thence upon their Voyage to the Coast of India and Surratt.

Tis also orderd that Ten thousand Pagodas and the Following list of Goods del̃d : M^{r}: John Cheney, be laden on the Defence for S^{t}: Davids (or Tegnapatam) fort, where possibly they may perswade those Merch^{ts}: to undertake an Investment of Course Goods for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}, if not tis but returning the money, So Tis orderd that all things be laden with all expedition.

ELIHU YALE.

I was absent to this Consultation, therefore know nothing of ye transaction thereof. — THO : WAVELL.

The 6th: Sept^{r}: M^{r}: Hatsell was proposed by ye Councell opposed by ye Govr : who did not agree thereto untill ye 9th : — JN^{o} : CHENEY.

In a Consultation of the 6th : of Septemb^{r} : (but is here ommitted) M^{r} : Hatsell was propos'd by the Council and not before, to be sent Deputy Govern^{r} : of the new ffort which the Govern^{r} : passionatly opposed in favour of his Broy^{r} : M^{r} : Tho : Yale, & M^{r} : Hatsells going was not consented to till the 9 of Septemb^{r} : no more is fit to mention. — WILL : FRASER.

This Consultac̃on mentions M^{r}: Tho Yales Succeding beyond expectation, in obtaining greater privileges then we expected, w^{ch}: is false he having orders not to agree for Tevnapatam ffort, wthout a grant of all ye priviliges now promised, it is likewise false y^{t} M^{r}: Hatsell was proposed to goe Dep^{ty}: Govr : of said ffort, for ye Presid^{t}: did only propose Mr Tho Yale for y^{t} charge & wth Scurillous language abused ye Councill for not consenting thereto. — THO: GRAY.

Letter from Hodgee Mamood Allebeague Governour of Pollicatt to the President kindly resenting his many favours & protection to the Kings Servants wth : offers of his Service on all occasions.

Generall from Mess^{s} : Stanly & Mackrith in Ballasore road of the 14th : July last giveing us the following advices of their arrivall and proceedings there, which was on the 28th : of July, dispatching our letters and Advices to the Nabob Duan &^{a} : answer to which they had not then received, but great acclamation of Joy for the return of our people wth : complements and encouragement from the Governour of Ballasore to come and trade as freely as formerly, and that they had contracted for an Investment of 47000 rup^{s} : according the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : directions to be provided against December next, And in a Postcript of the 15 Ditto, adviseing that they then received letters from the Governour & Kings Duan of Ballasore, that the Nabob sent for their Vaquels at Coart and orderd them to acquaint their Mast^{r}: that a Phyrmaund was arrived for the English, who had been wth : him and received Seerpaws & Delassaes, and that they advise their Masters to treat the English civilly in all parts and invite them to their factories again, and that thereupon they had proclaimed the same at Ballasore by beat of Drum.

Generall from Mess^{s} : Thomas Yale & Cha : Barwell of the 6th : of Sep^{br}: earnestly desireing the money may be sent with all expedition, the Morattaes being impatient till it arrives which if it does not speedily, may be a means of rustily handled by them, Giveing an Acc^{t} : of the remaining stores, of the fort, to be 40 Candy of Countrey powder abundance of Small Shott, and Seaven great gunns & as f[or] the State of the Chingie Countrey is that Eccogee is sending a considerable Supply of horsemen and money to Rama Raja, who is now resolved to head his troops himself and will certainly keep the Mogulls forces in play a considerable time if not rout them, the Merchants haveing also Supply'd him with horse and money to the amount

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of 18000 Chuckaraes, In a postscript advises of the Bramenees Brother was to pay them a Vissit or rather a Dunn for the money, and offerd them possession of the fort and would have fired the Gun which they excused it till the money and our own Guns arrived.

COPPY OF CAPT: TUERS AFFIDAVIT SWOR[N] IN COUNCILL.

Honble: blank.

The words spoke by his Excellency Sr Jno Child concerning Your Honrs were these to the best of my remembrance.

I think the Devill is in those people of you[r] side they are alwayes writeing one against the other, pray tell his honr that he has bad people about him which has writt very Scandalous of him, for which he said the Author was a rascall, but he had a better opinion of Mr Yale then to Credit it.

The letter went by me but ye person that gave it is unknown to me neither can I satisfie yr honr further.

WM: TUER.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 9.

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQR President and Governr

MR THOS WAVELL	MR JNO CHENEY
CAPT WM HEATH	MR WM FRASER
MR THO GRAY	MR WM HATSELL.

Mr Willm Fraser late Sea customr paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags 430 : 25 Said to be the ballance of his Sea Customers Accts from May 89 to June 90.

Notwithstanding the troubles in ye Countrey the Councill are well Satisfied of the cheap and good purchace of Tegnapatam fort by the Relation we have had from Messs Yale & Barwell of its Strength and Commodious Scituation and the great advantage it may be to the Rt Honble Compas future trade and revenue, It is therefore orderd that Mr Hatsell &a doe proceed thither on the Defence to take Possession and charge of that Garrison, and put in a good posture of Defence, and that thirty-two thousand Pagodas be sent with them, to pay for the fort and other Charges after ye delivery and Secure Possession thereof, and for his assistance therein, we hereby appoint the following Persons to be of his Councill in the following Employment Vizt

The Worspll WM HATSELL Deputy Governr.
MR: JOHN HEINS 2d and Accomptt.
MR: RALPH INGRAM 3d & Warehousekeepr.
MR: ED MOUNTAGUE 4th & Paymaster.
MR: THO CONSTABLE 5th & Customer.
MR: JNO BRABONE 6th & Storekeeper.
MR: THO JARDIN Secry.
MR: ED KING Steward.

Mr Brewster being experienced in Gunery It is orderd that he be entertained Gunner of that Fort at 10 Pags ℘ mensem.

And that Capt Heath with his Shipp doe remaine there till the Fort be deliverd & Securely Possest, and to advise with Mr Hatsell &a what shall be necessary therein and in paying of the money for it, after which to return hither as soon as possibly, to be dispatcht for the West Coast, and that ye Success and Satisfaction do immediately after their arrivall proceed according to their dispatches for the Coast of India and Surratt.

Whereas last Consultation day 10000 Pags and Europe goods were orderd to be laden on the Defence for Tegnapatam fort to endeavour an investment there, but in consideration of the approaching Raines and Moonsoon and there being yet no convenient Goedownes to Secure them in, The Warehousekeeper is orderd to

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Continue them ashoar till further advice from thence, and that he only lade aboard two Bales Broadcloth Ordinary one of Perpetuanoes and one of Cloth rashes for Presents.

It is orderd that Mr Tho Yale doe returne to the Fort.

The Paddy Banksoll being too Small for the quantity of Grain, dayly comeing in the Paymaster is orderd to buy a peice of Ground Just opposite to the old Banksoll, it being very Commodious for that Purpose.

Orderd that Pag^s^ 20 be sent to Metchlepã: factoryes and 20 to Maddapollam for repairs and Servants Wages.

Orderd that 5 Yards of fine cloth be given to Mr Charles Barwell in Consideration of his good Service with Mr Tho Yale in the expedition to Chingie about the purchase of Tegnapatam Fort, and for his trouble & charge therein, he yet receiving no sallary or allowance from the R^t^ Honble Company being now bound on a Paticular Voyage to Surrat &^a^.

Order'd that Pags 630 be paid Mr Wm Fraser to defray the Garrison Charges.

Mr Wm Hatsell read his Land Customes acc^t^ for the month of August and paid into the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ Cash Pag^s^: 200 viz:

Land Customes	Pag^s^:	00 : 09 : 19
Chowlltry Customes	„	200 : 22 : 70
Ruby brokers	„	4 : 13 : 42
Confiscation	„	1 : 31 : 42
	Pag^s^:	207 : 05 : 5

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JN^o^: CHENEY.

Mr Frasers objections.

I do not consent to the buying Tegnapatam ffort that Country (by the Mogulls fforces & conquests) being like to prove the Seat of War for some years & is too near ffort St George for both places, to thrive in Custome & Revenue. Mr Ingram being weak sighted I likewise disprove being warehousekeeper or Sorter objected by me. W: F: } WILL: FRASER.

W^M^: HATSELL.

10 Generall from Mr Tho Yale at Cuddalore of the 6th Instant, desireing that the money for the new bought Fort may be Speedily sent him, least delays therein breed Suspition & prove dangerous.

Commission & Instructions to the Worsp^ll^ Willm Hattsell Esqr Dep^ty^ Governour & Councill of St Davids or Tegnapatam Fort in the Chingye Countrey for acc^t^ of the R^t^ Honble English East India Comp^a^:

Wee haveing upon due considerations of the Interest and advantage of our R^t^ Honble Masters and in complyance with their Severall orders for the building or procureing a Fort in the Chingie Countrey for their more Secure Settlem^t^ & trade in those parts, which we often endeavour'd but could never till now meet with an oppertunity for it which by our treaty here with Rama Rajas Embassador, and Mr Thom^s^ Yale's &^a^ negotiation with the King &^a^ Ministers at Chingye we have agreed and contracted with them, according to his Royall Phyrmaund granted to ye Honble Comp^a^ For Tevenapatam fort, and as much of the Adjacent Land Rivers buildings &^a^ as Shall come within the randome Shott of a great gun besides Severall other priveledges & immunitys granted the Honble Company as particularly mentiond in our Phyrmaund, translate thereof herewith deliver you for your perusall & direction haveing chosen You &^a^ to be Dep^ty^ Governour and Councill of said place, ordering y^r^ Severall employments

there as ℘ Consultation of the 9th Instt Coppy whereof we deliver You for your observance & for the more Secure transport of the money and possession of the place We send you &a upon Ship Defence accompanyed with the Success and Satisfaction, the better to countenance the buisness, when upon your arrivall at Tevenepatam we would have you send Mr Jno Heynes & Mr Mountague ashoar to acquaint Mr Yale and the great Bramenee of Mr Hatsells &a being Sent to pay the money & to take Possession of the place, and to see all the agreements betwixt us and the King duely Performed, but before you part with the Compas mony you must agree wth the Bramenees upon the vallue and exchange of the Chuckaraes, wch we hear is Various in those parts, but most commonly at 10 great fanams each chuckara & 18 of said fanams to the Pago, however you must follow the Currant Custome of those parts which you must informe your Selves therein from the Shroffs and Merchants, and pay your Pagodas accordingly, but we hope your arguments and endeavours will perswade them to take a Pagoda for 2 Chuckaraes, pretending that the Governour &ca orderd you to account it so, but whatever you doe herein We Shall approve beleiving you will do your uttmost to serve the Company therein, after which agreement on the Valluation of the Chuckaraes, Send ashoar the rest of your Councill Capt: Leisly's Soldier[s] and Peons to take possession, and hoist ye English Flagg and when you are Secure Masters of the place, then either to pay the money aboard, if you can perswade them to receive it there, if not Mr: Hatsell must carry it ashoare, takeing the sevll: Bramenees receipts for the same in full, the Govr: haveing 3 bills for the whole amount which upon Payment you are to take up, and besides the 51000 Chuckaraes you are by our agreement to give 500 to Sounde Bollogee Avaldar of the Fort, and the severall other Officers, as you shall think convenient and find to have been serviceable to the Honble: Compas: Affaires, also the three hundred Pags: Mr Yale and Barwell promised the Cheif Bramenee at Chingie for his concurrance and additionall favours in the buisness, wee have also entertaind Sounde Bollogees Sonn, Bramenee Writer to the Fort at 5 Pags: ℘ month which was Cheifly to gratifie his fathers importunityes and Service, Also before payment of ye mony you must remember to procure an order from the Bramenee to permitt us to fetch away the Campas buildings &a necessary's from Conimere Cuddalore & Porto novo, if there Shall be occation to prevent all future disputes & impediments therein.

And after you have fired your randome shott for which purpose we have sent yo a brass peice of Ordnance, the best we have in the Garrison, but it lyes in the Gunners art to load and fire it to the best advantage, which done you must place land marks at the fall of each Shott to confirme the Compas Rights to those limitts, without exception to futurity but to prevent disputes therein, You must procure the Cheif Bramenees inscription & confirmation thereof in writeing, after which you may dismiss the Bramenees, and proceed wth all expedition to fortifie the Garrison, mounting the 30 Ps of Ordnance we send you from hence, as also those now at Conimere, which if not Sufficient for the defence of the place advise us and we'll supply you with more, Your next buisness must be to clear and Settle the Garrison and to make conveniencys for your own and the Soldiers lodgeings, which we order to be 100 besides Officers, half English & half Portugues, to be equally devided in Gaurd and mount your Gaurd each other day, We also appoint an English Gunner 2 mates and 20 Mattrosses, which if too few the Soldiers must Supply the want upon occasion and 100 Peons for the service and gaurd of that Garrison in the next Place, you are to treat with the Merchants about an Investment of Course goods Tuteenage or Sugar at the best rates you can, which if you can effect you may take out of the Defence, and upon the first notice we shall Supply you wth what money Corrall, Broad cloth &a you shall require, yo are also to appoint the Councill to their Severall employments in the same forme and method as here, keeping Consultations and Dyaryes of all transactions and affaires monthly remitting them to us keeping each person faithfully and dilligently to his charge, You are also to Settle the Honble Compa Customes which according to their appointment is

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to be 5 ℘ Cent Sea Custome and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Cent Land Cust^{o} and all sorts of goods whatsoever timber and grain only excepted, which must be yet exempted to encourage and Supply the Place, next you are to allott out ground for the Natives or others to build upon, which must be at Such a convenient distance as may be no prejudice to the Fort and twill be a great encouragement, if the ground was seperately proportioned out one part for Christian Inhabit^{ts} others for Moors Gentues Morattaes & Macquas Severally letting out the Honble Companys ground within the limitts to their best advantage as well for buildings, Gardens Tillage &^{a} endeavouring to contrive and husband all things for the Honble Company's best Security & advantage.

You must also prepare for a mint for Coynage of Gold and Silver & entertaine the Porto Novo Bramenees that were here on that buisness.

We also recommend to you to receive in the remainder of the Honble Comp^{as} Contract with the Porto Novo Merch^{ts} am^{t} to near 4000 Pa which Mr Swynoke has Instructions about and was orderd to conclude but nothing as yet received from them.

Dureing Capt Heaths stay with You You are to take his advice in all things, but he being Suddainly design'd for Sumatra and England y^{o} must dispatch him to us as soon as possibly after you have taken possession of the Fort, it being late in the monsoon, but the Success and Satisfaction must Saile two dayes after the arrivall at Tegnapatam upon their appointed Voyages for the Coast and Surrat, but in your way you are to touch at Conimere and to stay there 2 days to take in the Gunns &^{ca} Stores for Tegnapat̃ which is all at present that occurrs to o^{r} thoughts So wishing you Success and Safety, We date these presents in Fort St George this 10th Sep^{br} 1690.

ELIHU YALE.
THOM^{S} WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
THOM^{S} GRAY.

11 Capt William Heaths dispatch for Tegnapatam fort, was transcribed and Sent to the Councill for their perusall and Signing.

The Commission and dispatch the Councill refuseing to Signe them.

Letter from Mr Thom^{s} Yale at Cuddalore of the 8th Instant, adviseing that they are in a great Deal of trouble and danger of their lives by reason of the money not being sent down to pay for the purchace, which he pressingly desires may arrive in three days there.

Note from M^{r}: Cheney.

Honble S^{r}

I desire you will please to call a consultatiõ either this Evening or tomorrow morning as Your Hon^{r} thinks fitt till when please to excuse my not Signeing Capt Heaths dispatch I am

I am your Hon^{rs} humble Servant
JOHN CHENEY.

TO THE WORSP^{LL} COUNCILL OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

There is nothing now of greater moment here, in the Honble Company's Affaires, then the Suddain dispatch of this Tegnapat̃ Buisnes Since the Safety of all their other concernes & Servants in those parts depends thereon as appears by Mr Yales letter received just now by Cattamaran, Tis also what we unanimously agreed to in last Consultation, therefore pray be not Authors of so irrepairable a ruine, If you be, Tis not my fault I have done my duty therein, and Shall after their dispatch Satisfie all your reasonable desires and Scruples, which I require may be in writeing, that they may be rightly understood and answerd.

Your faithfull affec^{t} freind
ELIHU YALE.

Fort St George
the 11th Sep^{br} 1690.

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The foll : paper deliverd the Secretary Last Consultation yᵉ Councill demanded the recalling the Officers of the Garrison their Commissions as being worded irregular contrary to the Compᵃˢ orders, and untill the Councill is Satisfied and yᵗ: Clandestine Self Interest action be alterd We will Signe nothing more till a Consultation be held for that purpose.

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To the Honᴮᴸᴱ the Governᴿ
of Fort Sᵀ George

Honᵇˡᵉ Sʳ

In answer to your Honʳˢ: Paper We humbly desire your Honʳ: to call a Consultation, when we will Satisfiye Your Honʳ: our reasons why will not Signe Capᵗ Heaths dispatch and how far the safety of the place and yᵉ Companys estate is concern'd in his Stay here, untill Your Honʳˢ absolute Commissions to the Millatary Officers are recalled and some other abuses rectifyed we are most respectfully.

Honᵇˡᵉ Sʳ
Your Honʳˢ humble servᵗˢ
Thomˢ Wavell.
John Cheney.
Wᴹ Fraser.
Thomˢ Gray.

Fort Sᵗ George 12ᵗʰ Sepᵇʳ 1690.

Rᵗ Worpˡˡ Sʳˢ

His Honʳ being (this afternoon) taken very ill, is the reason of his not calling you to a Consultation, but if he is better, he will do it tomorrow, in the meantime he has orderd me to acquaint you that if there is any thing irregular or contrary to the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃ ordʳˢ in yᵉ Comissions issued out by a Generall Councill to the Garrison Officers you would Signifie to him their honʳˢ orders concerning it and he will Satisfie you therein and he has orderd me to enforme you that delayes in the Tevenepatam buisness will prove dangerous.

Your humble Servant
William Proby Secʳʸ :

Sepᵇʳ the 11ᵗʰ 1690.

To the Worspᴸᴸ Councill
of Fort Sᵀ George.

I just now recᵈ a Paper signed by Mʳ Thomas Wavell, Mʳ Cheney, Mʳ Fraser, Mʳ Gray, and am sorry my indisposition and paine permitts me not to call a Consultation, which I should otherwise readily do, and therefore desire you'll acquaint mee your reasons why yᵒ refuse to Signe Mʳ Hatsells Commission and Instructions and Capᵗ Heaths dispatch to Tegnapatam, all things therein being often and fully & unanimously agreed and signed to, and now to delay their dispatch may be sad consequence to the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Affaires. as well by the loss of the Fort as the Seizure of all their other factories, concernes and Servants in those parts which pray consider of well, and prevent these dangers by the dispatching Mʳ Hatsell and the defence, all things being ready for it, otherwise I doe hereby declare you are the sole occasion of all the loss and prejudice to the Honᵇˡᵉ Company or their Servants shall sustain thereby.

I understand not your meaning in what you write about my Absolute Commissions to the Millatary Officers knowing of no such given by mee, and those they have are the same, which were deled them at my entrance upon this Goverment, debated and enterd in Consultation, frely Signd by myself and Councill, and So sent home to England without the least exception, till these few dayes without any Just occasion, never haveing acted any thing either in the civill or Millatary Goverment of any importance without Consulting the Councill and takeing the concurrance of the Major part of them, besides the Commissions given in my time are much less absolute then yᵉ formers by my predicessors Agent Masters

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and President Gyfford, giveing all millatary Commiss under their own Single hands and persons, whereas the Councill are joined with mine, and nothing to be under my Single order, but to discipline the Soldiers or giveing them the Accustomary orders for their gaurds, but w^n^ any men are raised, disbanded or removed or putt upõ any new or materiall Service, I neither have or Shall doe it without the approbation of my Councill and this I Judge to be the Honble Companys intentions in their Commission to me, as also their orders to me in Several late letters relateing to their Government, abstract whereof I send for your Perusall and satisfaction, wch pray consider and Judge well of if so I doubt not they will qualifie Your undue heats.

And for regulateing abuses tis my earnest desire that it may be effected, hopeing thereby to be free from those insolent affronts my person and Authority has Sufferd from most of You which I cannot beleive our Honble Masters will in the least approve or maintaine you in, as Soon as I am well, I assure you, I will call a Consultation and answer all your reasonable desires, being

Your most faithfull freind,

Fort St George 12th Sep̃ 1690. ELIHU YALE GOV^r^.

13 Tis reported that the french fleet of 6 ships were Seen off Armagon, three dayes agoe. Tis Supposed they have lost their Passage to the bay and are returning to Pullicherree.

15 Ship Rebecca John Hampton Master Saild this morning for Suratt.

16 Pass to Ship Recovery Peter Bromden Master saild this Evening for Pegue.

Letter from Allemerde Cawn Nabob of the Gingerlee Countrey and these parts to ye President encloseing Coppy of his Perwanna or Order to his Seer lascar Sidu Abdulla of Vizagapatam to release and deliver the Honble Comp^as^ servants & concernes they have made Seizure of, wth other acknowledgements for our late kindnesses to his people.

Translate of an Order or Perwanna from Nabob Allemerde Cawn to the Seer lascar of Carlinga or Gingerlee dated the 2^d^ of Sep^br^ in the 34 Year of ye Kings reigne.

These are to advise that I am confirmd by a lett^r^ from the Governour of Madrass, the King has made a Gen^ll^ Peace wth the English, & accordingly given orders throughout his Dominions for the releasment and Surrendry of all their people and concernes, therefore these are to order y^o^ y^t^ upon rec^t^ hereof to Sett at liberty all the English & w^t^ money goods or other concernes you have detaind or made Seizure of belonging to them to deliver to them, takeing a rec^t^ for the same and give me a full Acc^t^ of transactions and proceedings in that & other Affaires in Your parts.

WEDNESDAY 17 AIT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ President & Govern^r^

MR THOM^S^ WAVELL	MR JOHN CHENEY
CAP^T^ [*blank*]	MR WILL^M^ FRASER
MR THOM^S^ GRAY	MR WILL^M^ HATSELL.

The whole Councill being duely Summond.

The Councill haveing formerly Signed the Commissions to the Millatary Officers upon the Governours entrance on the Government, wherein they mutually agreed and Signd, & therein exprest they are to follow the order of ye Govern^r^ but the Councill beleiving 'twould be more agreable to the R^t^ Honble Comp^as^ orders that ye Councill be also nominated with him therein desire that that word may be enterlin'd, wch the President for Peace and quiettness sake and to prevent hindrance of business agrees to it Mr W^M^ Hatsell and the Secretary are orderd to See it done.

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Our Chief Gunner Mr Gessham being dead, Mr Thomas Meddowes is recommended to us to be a knowing man in that Employ. Tis orderd that he be entertaind Gunner of the Fort and take charge of all Stores &a belonging thereto his Sallary and Allowance to be the Same his Predicessor had.

Mr John Cheney Paid into the Rt Honble Compa Cash Pags 1324 for Acce of the following Particulars.

Acct Currt for wt remaind of the P 2000

pd him to provide necessarys for Bengall	P 497 : 23 : —
The ball of his Paymastrs acct	P 745 : 26 : —
Ship Dyamonds freight from Pegue	P 81 : 30 : —

Wee haveing received from Allemerde Cawne Cheif Nabob of the Gingerlee Countrey a kind letter in answer to the Presidents last, wherein he acknowledges our loyalty and good Service in reserving this town's rent money for the Mogull, haveing often refused its payment to Arsoma Naique &ca revolters, with other Services, was so well resented that notwithstanding he seems to have yet noe certaine news or acct of our peace with the Mogull yet has been So kind as to send his order or Perwanna to the seerlascar of Gingerle to release and deliver all the Rt Honble Companye's Servants and English with their Cash goods and concernes and Mr Duboise being well acquainted with those concernes being Ware housekeeper little before their surprize, Tis orderd that he be sent down thither with the Nabob's order to receive the Honble Company's concernes, and that he and Mr fleetwood &a doe mannage the Companyes buisness there till further Order.

Tis orderd that 2000 Pags more be deliverd Mr Willm Hatsell for use of St: Davids Fort at Tegnapatam.

ELIHU YALE.

Never any such ordr or agreemt yt ye Millatary Officers Commissions shod run to pay obedience to ye Goberno r alone exclusive from ye Councill. } THO: WAVELL.

JNO: CHENEY

The Commissions granted to the Military Officers in President Gyffords time some of which I have seen directs them to observe & obey all such ordrs as should be given them from time to time by the Pesident & Council which is aggreeable to the Compas Commissions given by themselves to all they make officers in England. } WILL: FRASERS.

It was never agreed ye Comicōn Officers should only obey ye Govr without or agst the concent of ye Councill. } THO: GRAY.

Generall from Messrs Eyers and Braddill att Dacca of the 10 of July 17
last encloseing Coppy of the Kings Phyrmaund for Bengall.

Alexander Del Gardno, a Commission granted for an Ensignes place.

Shipps Success and Satisfaction sailed for Surrt.

Deliverd Capt Willm Heath his dispatch for St Davids fort and in the Evening Mr Hatsell &a of the Rt Honble Compa servants went aboard.

This morning the Defence Set Saile.

Generall to Agent Charnock &a Council of Bengall approved and Signed. 19

Another to Mr Daniel Dubois &a for their negotiation at Vizagapatam also 20
approved.

This Evening arrived a Dutch Ship from Negapatam with 12 Prisoners lately 21
sent thither from Batavia for committy of Pyracy; the Governour orderd them to be committed in close Prison.

Copy of the Mogulls Phyrmaund to Nabob Ebrahim Cawn for Bengall Dated the 23rd Aprill 1690 and in the 33 year of the Kings Reigne.

You must understand that it has been the good fortune of the English to repent them of all their Irregular past proceedings, and they not being in their

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former greatness have by their Vacqueels, Petitiond for their lives and a pardon for their faults, which out of my extraordinary favour towards them, have accordingly granted, therefore upon receipt here of my Phyrmaund you must not create them any further trouble but let them trade freely in your Goverment as formerly, and this order I expect you see strictly observed.

MUNDAY 22

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R President & Govern^r
MR THOM^S WAVELL MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILL^M FRASER M^R THO GRAY.

The Mogulls Phyrmaund being translated its Coppy as also the Husbull Huccum, is orderd to be Sent to the Seerlascar of Gingerlee, with the Nabob Allemerde Cawns Perwanna to Satisfiye him we have made a Generall Peace with them.

Letter from Jollfocteer Cawn Generall of the Mogulls Army and forces now against Chingie and Son to the Grand Viseer, Assid Cawn Lord High Chancellor to the Mogull, wherein amongst other things he very importunately desires we would Supply him with 200 Md of Gunpowder and 500 Soldiers, which if we absolutely deny him, it will be so ill resented & such a great disobligation, that they will conclude we Syde with Rama Raja & complain to the Mogull against us thereof to the hazarding our Peace Settlement and trade whereas Our gratifying him therein, may Oblige his freindship to the procureing a Phyrmaund for this Place &^a factorys on this Coast, It is therefore agreed and orderd that 200 maund of Gunpowder be sent him but the number of Soldiers being more then we have, and can Spare noe English, we must therefore excuse Sending any for the present, hopeing the Gunpowder may Satisfie.

Yesterday arrived a Dutch Ship with a letter from the Heer Pitt to the Governour, adviseing the Generall &^a: had sent 12 more English Pyrats from Batavia who were Seized at Mallacca belonging to the Same Ship and crew as the former did, who being now in all 19 Tis order'd that a Session be held for their tryall by a Jury and if they be found guilty, the sentence may be metigated as we find convenient in the meantime, that the Justices do take their Examination to prepare them for their tryall.

Orderd that the account of their Silver Coynage be entered in the Generall Books as follows.- The Head to be Silver Coynage, to be indebted to Silver in Ingotts or Ryalls of $\frac{8}{8}$ at Invoice Cost for so much as is deliverd to the Mintmaster and he to be indebted for the number of fanams it produces at 36 fanams ℘ Pagoda and that he be Credited by Cash as he pays into the R^t: Honble: Comp^as: Cash.

Some Ellephants being lately landed at S^t: Thoma; but Since the owner of them desired leave of the Governour to bring them to towne which he allow'd of, Conditionally that they pay the 5 ℘ cent Custome, as if they were landed here, and the Customer is orderd to Value the Ellephants if they come into town, and receive it Accordingly.

Mr John Cheney's Warehouse Acc^ts: for the month of August was read and past, errours excepted.

The Countrey near us being now under a more peaceable Government, Tis thought fit that all necessary retrenchments be made, as to the Millatary Charges of the Garrison & peons and other expences, and that each of ye Councill do contribute what they can towards them in their Severall employes.

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The Paymaster is orderd to hasten Mess[rs] Dubois and Focquett on their Journey to Gingerlee.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.

If any Criminall upon his tryall be found guilty by the Verdict of the Jury & thereupon Sentence of Death be pronounc'd I think that sentence is put in Execution or if Pardoned it clears of any other punishment there being no medium betwixt a Sentence of Death & a Pardon because the sentence once pronounced cannot be altered to any other Punishment, The Councill have often formerly desired retrenching of the charges Garrison. W.F. } WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.

Generall from the Agent and Councill at Surratt of the 18th July last with the enclosed Coppy of the Mogulls Phyrmaund for Bengall whose Originall is in the Governours hands which is agreable to that lately rec[d]: from Bengall, adviseing also of three Ships the Roy[ll]: James and Mary, Josia, & Shrewsberry they designe home for England, the time of their Charterparty will be out the 20th: of January next, likewise desireing a speedy answer about the money they wrote for by the Kempthorn. 23

Generall from Conimere of the [*blank*] Instant adviseing that the Defence was dispatch't thence for Tegnapatam Fort with most of the Gunns Ammunition Stores &[a] orderd the [*blank*] Ditto.

Ship Conimere Merchant Ant[o]: Peniston arrived this morning from Atchein.

M[r] Thomas Yale &[a] Arrived this morning from Tegnapatam Fort, adviseing that the Defence arrived there the 22 Instant and the day following M[r] Hattsell &[a]: wth the Treasure was landed taking possession of the Fort, whereupon they paid Pagodas twenty two thousand, and the day following fyred the randome Shott which fell beyond Cuddaloor.

Generall from Fort S[t] David dated the 28th: of last past with a particular acc[t] of their proceedings and the civill entertainment they rec[d] from the Dutch and their expectation fully answerd, as to the disscription of the Fort and Scituation thereof. [OCTOBER] 5

ATT A CONSULTATION 6

Present

ELIHU YALE President & Governor
M[R] THOM[S] WAVELL M[R] JOHN CHENEY
M[R] WILL[M] FRASER M[R] THO. GRAY.

The President read his Acc[t]: of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Cash for the month of September & the ballance . . . . Pag[s]: 125067 : 34 : 8.

Some Merchants Inhabitants of this Citty haveing lately Sent their Ship down near Anore to take in a parcell of Reddwood, for which they refuse to pay Custome, as not being under the limitts of this Government, to prevent which for y[e] future Tis orderd that all Inhabitants of this place, that live under the Hon[ble] Comp[as]: protection & Goverm[t]: Shall pay the usuall Custome of five ℔ Cent, for all goods laden or unladen by them or for their acc[ts] either at this place or twixt the ports of Pollicat and Coveloan, which the Customer is orderd to observe for the future, & y[e] Custom[r] do receive of s[d] persons ½ Traversing Customes.

There being a great quantity of Sugar & Tutenague unladen from the Defence, y[e] Warehousekeeper is orderd to sell what he can thereof the Sugar not under 11 Pag[s]: ℔ Candy and the Totenague at 23½ Pag[s]: but for as much more as he can gett.

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The Bencolen being near fitted in Porto Novo River, but wanting a main mast & being Something late and dangerous to proceed to the Coast of India this Monsoon, Tis orderd that She continue there till the Moonsoon be over and afterwards to come hither to proceed to Surrat &a with Totenague and Sugars.

Haveing lately received from Mr: Daniell Acworths at Batture a large Acct of the great advantage a Settlement and trade may be to the Rt Honble Company in those Parts and the danger of the Dutches excludeing us from it, if not setled by November next, which we hope the Agent of Surrat and Cheif of Callicut will take timely care of, however least it Should Still be neglected Tis orderd that a letter be writt to the Queen of Attinga, to assure her, that in a short time, that Place Shall be Supplyed wth men & money to carry on our buisness, and that She will please to favour and encourage our people there and not to give Credit to the Dutches false reports and insinuation against us, and that if they do not Send Shipping and force from Surrat according to promise and her desires, that then we Shall do it from hence, by ship Kempthorne in January next, tho we hope the Cargoe of Sugars and Tootenague by the two Shipps, the Success and Satisfaction, will be a good Supply & reputation to them, being orderd to touch there and follow their Orders.

Mr William Fraser Paymastr Accts for the month of August was read and past, Errours excepted, the particulars Vz:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1396 : 34 : —
Charges Generall		396 : 24 : $\frac{15}{16}$
Charges Dyet		446 : 24 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Acct: Presents		27 : 30 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Charges Merchandz		70 : 07 : $\frac{3}{4}$
Charges Cattle		15 : 04 : —
Acct : fortification		421 : 10 : $\frac{13}{16}$
Voyage to China		112 : — : —
Charges Extraordy		10 : 34 : $\frac{1}{2}$
Fort St : David		159 : — : —
West Coast		4 : 31 : —
	Pags :	3061 : 22 : —

Mr John Cheneye Warehousekeepr: paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags : five thousand for Goods sold by him.

Mr : Thomas Gray Sea Customers Accts : for the month of August was read and past and paid ... ... Pags : 594 : 14 : 5

Sea Customes		542 : 14 : 5
Anchoridge		18 : — : —
Tonnage		34 : — : —
	Pags :	594 : 14 : 5

Mr Thomas Gray Mintmastr Accts of Mintage dutyes from March 89 : to this day was read & past, and paid Pags : 1410 : 35 : into the Rt : Honble Companys Cash.

Mr William Hatsell &a at St Davids fort haveing drawn a bill upon us for Pags : 1663 : Payable to Mr Charles Metcalf for so much received there & brought into the Rt Honble Companys Cash, Tis agreed & orderd that it be paid accordingly, takeing his receipt for the Same.

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The Land Custome Acc^{ts} for the month: of Aug^{t}: was read and past, and Pag^{s}: 180: p^{d}: by Mr Milemay on that Acc^{t}:

Land Customes	Pag^{s}:	04: 05: 64
Chowtry Customes		175: 17: 29
Ruby brokers		1: 6: 21
	Pa:	189: 3: 44
Charges deducted		3: 7: —
	Pag^{s}:	185: 32: 44

Mr Fox being recommended to us for a sob^{r}: young man the Paymaster is orderd to entertain him as Gun^{rs} mate at Pag^{s}: 5 ℘ month.

I except against M^{r} ffrasers Paymasters acc^{ts}: for severall payments & Expences made without my order or Concent, wch I shall draw y^{e} ℘ ticulars of w^{n} I have tyme for it. I allso except agst Mr Tho Grays Mint acco^{ts} he refuseing to send y^{m} me to peruse & examine, wch is my duty & charge. E.Y. } ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL:
JN^{o}: CHENEY.

Novem^{r} ℘^{o}: The President had the ℘ using of my August acc^{os} in his own own house & afterward was read & past in Council without any objection, tho I represented to the President &c that months great Charge & the reasons, which the President was pleas'd then to apology on the Score of the Dutch Gover^{rs} &c entertainments & feastings during that m^{o}: W: F. } WILL: FRASER.

The Govr by long habbittuateing himselfe to write & Speak falcetye has forgot truth, my mint acc^{ts} was delivered him after I read & he past it & never againe in my possession, of wch I am ready to make oath. } THO: GRAY.

Ship Defence Capt Wm Heath Commander arrived this noon from Fort St: David. 7

Generall from Conimere of the [*blank*] Instant.

Letter from his Majesty Rama Raja King of the Chengee Countrey, to the President acquainting him that he had granted a Phyrmaund for Tevenepatam according to his desire so requesting his assistance and kindness in what there shall be occasan'd.

Another from Bromolodo Pontulo Chief Minister of State to His Majesty Rama Raja desireing Vecatee Row and Ballagee Pontulo his Son may be Seized and Sent hither haveing cheated the King's Duan of 25000 Pag^{s} which Service Shall be esteemed.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 14

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}: President & Govern^{r}
M^{R} THO WAVELL MR JOHN CHENEY
CAP^{T} W^{M} HEATH MR WILL^{M} FRASER.
Mr THOMAS GRAY Sick.

The Councill being duly Summon'd.

Generall to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} read and past Being upon the dispatch of the Defence for the West Coast and England She being near unladen tho we have been much obstructed therein by ye bad weather, and in consideration that the Princess, will have a rich Cargoe from Bengall tis therefore agreed and orderd

that all ye China Goods and Ware, the ordy : Bowles excepted being more propper for India marketts then Europe, be laden upon the Defence, her pepper Cargoe being of no great Vallue, Tis also orderd that the Conimere blue Cloth be received by the Warehousekeeper and Assistants and if it be found tollerably good, that they doe lade them likwise upon her for England, and Capt Heath haveing made it his request, that we would lade a hundred Candy of red wood more, Wee haveing no Salt Peter, to Stiffen his Shipp & make her Sale worthy, Tis orderd that it be laden upon Charterparty Conditions & abatement on freight.

Nabob Jol Focteer Cawn haveing wrott another importunate letter from the Camp to the President for 500 Soldiers 30 Gunrs 500 maunds of Gunpowder & 500 great Shott also fine broad cloth and Serge upon the Town rent Acct but not being able to furnish them wth : Soldiers or Gunners, that must be excused as also the Cloth since it will be of too great a Vallue to recover, so tis agreed to send noe more then 200 maunds of powder & 300 Iron Shott.

Receiving a letter from Fort St David, wherein they sent us a list of goods and Stores wanting by the Defence the Warehousekeepr is orderd justly to examine the same with the Captaine & receive due Satisfaction from him.

The Surgeon delivering bills for 5 months expences in the Hospitall, the Paymastr is orderd to peruse them and discharge, he also complaining the want of Assistants in the Hospitall & recommending one formerly belonging to ship Kempthorne experienced therein, Tis orderd he be entertained at 91 fans ℔ mensem.

Mr John Cheney warehousekeepr accts for the month of Sepbr was read and past errrs excepted.

The sallary being due the 29th last month the accomptant is orderd to draw the Account thereof be paid accordingly.

ELIHU YALE.

Cannot approve of ye Genll lre to Engd ... ... THO : WAVELL.

Cannot approve of ye Lre to Engld. Capt Heath gave his answer & reasons for ye stores &ca wanting. } JNO : CHENEY.

The Generll Letter to the H : C : was neither agreed to nor appov'd of. } WILL : FRASER.

TO THE HONBLE ELIHU YALE ESQR
PRESIDENT OF FORT ST GEORGE.

Honble Sr :

In order to the drawing up a charge in behalf of the Rt Honble Company agst Your Honrs brother Mr Thomas Yale, we have strictly Search't and enquired for the Accts deliverd in by him of his dispose of the Compas concernes in his Severall Voyages & employments since he came hither, but they being not to be found, and as we fear by private order kept from us, we cannot particularly give in said charge before Ship Defence her departure for England wch according to the Compas often repeated orders, ought to be prosecuted in their Court of Judicature Your Honr has lately threatned to Suppress the Mayors Court, for our takeing Affidavits concerning Your Brothers manageing the Companys Stock Ship Defence in China, and to try it before Your Honr would be consenting to give away our Masters Interest, Wee haveing in Severall Instances found Your Honr to defend their unfaithfull servants and abuse us for demanding Justice of them, Wee do therefore resolve to deferr bringing our charge against Mr Thomas Yale to a tryall, untill some power shall be constituted here by the Company that may do them and others Impartiall Justice without fear of your Honrs threats and wee doe hereby declare in the Rt Honble Compas name that if Your Honr Permitts or connives at yor said Brothers Mr Thomas Yales leaveing this Place or goeing home for England before he has made Satisfaction to the

Company for whatever hereaftr shall be proved he has wrongd them off, or lavishly spent of theirs, that, in such case Your Honr must make good, and answer to the Company, whatever shall be Justly charged against him, That Yr Honr may not immagine Your Brothers stay here out of ill will or prejudice, but as sworn servants to be true to our Masters Interest, You may Please to remember the Goa Voyage upon Madrass friggot, when Your Brother for to please his fancy went to see that place upon a Pretence of receiving the freight, and had Severall Soldiers sent to gaurd him, where he spent the whole freight and three hundred and eighteen Pags more which was paid him by Your Honr out of the Compas Cash, tho he Perswaded President Gyfford to pass his unconscionable Accts and give him freight of his Rice brought back upon her, the charge of that Shipps fitting out hence was Pags: 1752 : 8 : 3 : and not one fanam Stock of the Compas sent with her, Your Honr may please likewise to rememb^r his management of the Companys Stock upon Ship James, where he charges them wth Severall presents, tho by contract only 1 ℔ Cent was to be allowd and took their contract for freight in Groff goods to himself bringing only fine goods for the Company, when their Silver could have procured Groff goods as well as his, In his first Acct of that Voyage given in he charges the Company Ta. 1089 : 1 : 1 : for loss upon ye weight of their Silver, bad debts and charges, besides charges Merchandize and 1½ ℔ Cent allow'd him for Japan weight and 2 ℔ Ct for fineness which Acct being unreasonable Your Honr orderd it from the Accomptant, and another was deliverd in, makeing the Compas Debters to your Brother four tale, wherein the aforementioned losses and charges were no more mentioned, but patch't up by an overcharge upon the severall heads of the former Accts as appears by what chargd in the last acct more then in the former upon the same goods, the quantity nor quallity, not altering by his unaccountable manageing the Defences stock & Voyage last year, it plainly appears to us by the severall affidavits made by Capt Heath &ca sent upon that Ship, that the Compa have lost a Vast Summe of money, besides his notorious defrauding them of the China root & Gallingall bought and taken on board for them, upon the whole Your Honrs brother Mr Tho Yale is indebted to the Rt Honble Compa above Tenn thousand Pags for which cause we desire he may continue here untill he satisfye said debt to the Company & we request this may be registred in our Consultā book We are

Honble Sr
Your Honrs Most humble Servants

Fort St George
Octobr 14 : 1690.

THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WM : FRASER.
THOMAS : GRAY.

The Presidents answer to the Councills charge :

TO THE WORSPLL COUNCILL OF
FORT ST GEORGE.

In answer to your Paper deliverd me the 14th Instant, I cannot but wonder at ye suddain alterations of your resolves and Promises of giveing in and examining your Charge against my brother Mr Thomas Yale upon an unworthy unjust Pretence or Suspition of my favouring him therein, falsely chargeing me wth partiallity to the Rt Honble Compas unfaithfull Servants, which I challenge you to give one instance of (except it be to some of your selves) which beleive it notwithstanding my present silence I shall in due time do my Rt Honble Masters Right in, or that I ever proposed or acted anything, but what was for the honour & Interest of my Masters or good and Safety of the Place or in the least

neglected my duty or buisness, Your Consciences and experience wittness the contrary and that the whole charge & weight of their Affairs has layn upon me, with little or no assistance from You, noe I have rather been obstructed and impeeded therein by your ignorance or willfull obstinacy, tho I bless God my services have been Successfull beyond y^r expectation or I doubt wishes, Tis my Strikt care and circumspection (notwithstanding all your Cobweb pretences) has been the Chief occasion of your unjust exceptions and reflections and affronting oppositions, tho I have allways rather assisted then impeeded you in your Lawfull advantages and trade.

As for your Strange Suggestion of wanting the Acc^ts of his Severall Voyages by my private order is an idle pretence, since they are not in my keeping but the Accomptants, who if by him lost or mislayed you might have had their transcripts for Sending for from my brother or any other books or papers formerly deliverd by him, he being not only ready but desireous to give the R^t Honble Comp^a all due satisfaction therein, therefore I must rather beleive tis the guilt or Shame of haveing wrong'd him checks you, chargeing him with more then you can prove or else your unjust and unreasonable proceedings therein, in Summoning yourselves to Councill and persons before you in the R^t Honble Comp^a buisness without my Consent or privity contrary to their Commission and possitive orders who have only honourd and intrusted the President with that Authority, but you are not only irregular in this but also in your takeing examinations and Affadavits, some of the examinants complaining to me, that by your threats you forc't them to it, perverting their sence and takeing only such part of their declaration as might Serve your ends, and not their full meaning and circumstance of the buisness, which by all lawes is most unjust and illegall, since thereby the most innocent may be made culpable and ruined, but I neither do nor ever will justifye my brother or father In a bad action. if you can prove he has any wayes wrong'd our Honble Masters, My hand Shall be first against him to make all due satisfaction before he goes for England, therefore let it be try'd but to keep him here upon delayes only is an unreasonable injury and not Justyfiable by any law or orders of the R^t Honble Comp^as to whom he goes to submit himself and Actions to their pleasure who are wiser and uprighter Judges then [you] will pretend to be, who also have his Security to make them Satisfaction, and you may Send along with him your charge and Affadavits to them, who have already all acc^ts and Dyarys relateing to his past Voyages, excepting those of his last, which will now also be sent home, so that your Keeping him here, will only appear malicious, or that you fear he may discover your irregularitys &^a however for your Satisfaction tho he is ready and intended home upon the Defence, I shall detain him here till next oppertunity, that you may have time to ꝑuse and examine his Acc^ts and prove what you can against him, tho to my misfortune, I must declare, there is few or none amongst You that rightly understands to state or examine a Merchants Accounts and ye assistance you borrow is corrupt prejudic't and littigious So of less Vallidity, but as for your complaints amongst those Acc^ts you mention in your paper some of them was before most of your times, therefore you can know bitt little of them, however I leave himself to answer and Satisfye you therein, So shall say but little of them only concerning his Voyage on the Madrass friggot, you may inform your Selves, that she being in y^s road in Septemb^r 1688 out of repair & the monsoons approaching, and not knowing how other ways to dispose her out of danger, President Gyfford & others freighted her with Saltpeter Sugar Dammer &^a to Goa with orders to repair and fitt her there or att Carwar and to dispose of his Cargoe, which ye markett or the obstruction of the Portugueze prevented So after fitting the Ship and paying Custome he was necessitated to return with his Ladeing to Carwar where not being able to sell them, he was forc't to leave it with the Cheif Mr Uphill, where they Still remaine unsold, and he forc't to take up money to defray the charge and Wages of the Ship, she haveing nothing of the R^t Honble Comp^as stock nor could he advance anything on the freight goods, which had the marketts been as usuall

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would have fitted the Ship and partly laded her back with rice & arrack So that the disappointment of the Voyage was not his fault but misfortune, himself as well as the freighters, being considerable loosers thereby, but these things were acted orderd and past in President Gyffords time, whose Acc^{ts} Consultations Book &^{a} will answer it, only this I observe that to agravate the buisness you include the Vallue of the ship or her former charges.

You also much exceed in your calculation of his Investment of ye 4 Ingotts of Silver fell short of the Invoice weight, tho they were not weighed to him when laden, so that the mistake might be there or in the Chyneeses deceipt in melting itt down, which a wyser man then he has been cheated in, however I &^{a} awarded him to pay 400 Ta : towards the loss which accordingly he did, tho with great complaints of my Severity therein and this he also allowd in Silks at their China prime Cost which was the reason of Altering his Acc^{ts} which you reflect upon, because you understood it not, and for your Complaint of his extravagant Presents, all was but 35 Tale and that was to the Owner of the house he lived in at Canton with many other Civillitys and assistances from him, his other expences were Necessary or unavoydable and for your Complaint against him for not buying Gruff goods for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} as others had, is like the rest, he being in his Instructions possitively orderd to buy Silks and fine goods proper for England, so that it appears that you have examined but little of the buisness, and less mind or Vallue w^{t} you say or write.

As for your last Voyage to China on the Defence you have his Acc^{ts} Dyarys &^{a} thereof, and notwithstanding Some idle Storyes & suspitions of his designing an Advantage to himself by his private Contract with the Merchants for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} advantage or the Adventurers, which he protests to me was only upon the Merchants importunity with him to conceal his real Contract with them, that it might be a rule too there to agree by, they paying much more then the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} and had he design'd this for his own Proffitt, who could have discoverd or prevented him, he did Voluntarily, which is a testimony of his integrety, so that by what yet appears to me, he mannaged that buisness with as great dilligence and injenuity considering the willfullness of the Command^{r} in rideing so farr off their port, as also ye lateness of their Arrivall, shortness of time intracacy of buisness and Vast quantity of goods and all this hazzard and trouble for only his bread, whereas Mr Styleman &^{a} with less difficulty gott five or Six thousand Pagodas Commission, therefore certainly his services may deserve at least a good word or acknowledgement, which at first you thought his due tho now recant it, but I am of opinion our Masters will afforde it him.

And as for the notorious fraud (as you tearm it) in the Gallingall and China root, I cannot but wonder at your confident assertion & expression when you know tis a buisness of Small Vallue which tho possibly might be bought in the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} name, which is usuall in Bengall or elsewhere yet twas paid for wth Capt Heath & Mr Yales money, Mr Heyns rejecting it for the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}, but this concerns not my brother but Capt Heath only, who by the consent of the Cheif and Councill justly bought and paid for it but if you can find any reason to the contrary I shall readily agree to it, Since no Interest shall byass me to any unjust favour to my brother or any man, You may remember a fresh instance of it relateing to him about ye twenty thousand Jambee Canes, which you agreed should be for his proper Acc^{t} which I could not approve or allow of, therefore brought them to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as} Acc^{ts} by reason they brought back part of their Silver from China to Mallacca with which they might have purchast those Canes and in all matters of trade, it is but reason the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} our protectors should be servd for it.

As for what you mention about ye May^{rs} Coart I am Sorry I have reason to complaine and declare against Your pact & factious election and irregular unjust proceedings, Setting up a Seperate Authority in opposition & defyance to the Goverment contrary to the Tenure and limitation of the R^{t} Honble Comp^{as}

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Charter to the Corporation, haveing yet done nothing to the benefitt or conveniency of the place, agreeable to their hon^rs intentions & expectations therein, but of this I shall be more particular hereafter, when I have more leazure for it.

Fort St George,
17th October 1690.

Worsp^ll
Your faithful freind
ELIHU YALE.

Read in Councill the 20 Ditto & orderd to be registerd.

Received this day advice from Metchlepat̃ of Capt Burton on the St Thoma Merchant being Surprized by eight saile of French Shipps in Corango bay, where he was forc't to run his Ship ashoare, laden with a considerable Cargo.

MUNDAY 20

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE ESQ^R President & Governour
MR THOM^S WAVELL MR JOHN CHENEY
CAP^T [*blank*] MR W^M FRASER
MR THOM^S GRAY.

The Councill haveing reveiw'd the Conimere blue Cloth, they are of the same opinion as they were formerly, so tis orderd not to be laden on the Defence for England, but disposed here as well as possibly.

Mr Henry Mose lately dying intestated, Tis orderd that Mr Wm Fraser and Mr Tho Gray do seal up his books papers Screetores &^a & afterwards publickly to examine and take a list of them, they paying what debts due to the R^t Honble Comp^a and others, also to Sue for and recover what due to him in India, makeing a publick Sale of his houshold stuff Jewells goods &^a paying the ballance of his Acc^t into the R^t Honble Companys Cash, to be made good to his relation in England.

Mr Thomas Gray acquainted the Councill there were Severalls proposed to be assured upon the Defence for England, which upon consideratiõ of the Warrs in Europe and here, tis therefore agreed not to take under 20 ℔ Cent premio, he is therefore orderd to assure for the R^t Honble Comp^a upon the Defence for England to the amount of 5000£ at that rate, but not to exceed that, itt being according to their Hon^rs orders.

The Councill urgeing the Pepper lately brought from the West Coast on the Madrass friggot might be laden aboard the Defence for England, they accordingly voted and orderd it to be laden but the President was possitively ag^st for his following reasons. Viz:

I am utterly against Lading the Pepper for England upon the Defence via West Coast, tis meerly sending coals to Newcastle, and Cost ye Honble Comp^a near 2000 Pag^s bringing it hither where it bears a great price above Pag^s 24 ℔ Candy and Cost but 11 Doll̃ there, which money may be sent to Bengall or Surrat to buy goods for Europe, which will be an additionall improvem^t or else it may be sent hence on the Princess or some other ship, that may arrive here to be dispatch't directly hence for England, for which wee have noe goods nor can procure any, besides in all probabillity there will be no want of Pepper at Indrapore and Bencolen to lade the Defence they haveing had a stock for near 100000 Dollers and twelve months time to provide it in, No shipp being there since the Williamsons dispatch and we prest their utmost endeavours therein for that they might expect, two or three shipps from us to lade for Europe, therefore we may reasonably believe they will not faill us to provide for one, and then for the pepper to be left there ashoar for want of Tonnage, twill be lyable to many

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dangers damage and charge there are many other reasons to keep it here, but I cannot think of one for the returning it to the West Coast, besides the ladeing it aboard the Defence this bad weather will greatly delay her dispatch for the West Coast, and So much lessen her Charter party time, that she will have little left for the takeing in her ladeing, if Capt Heath doth not protract his limitts; for these Considerations, I am against ladeing the pepper here upon the Defence, but the word being most Voats carry it I must submitt.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
JNO: CHENEY.

It is strange to believe that there should be a full Ladeing of Pepper at the West Coast, for the new Defence, when 'tis well known, that Place never yet (since it was settled by the Honble Compa) sent thence any great ship for England full Laden in due time, the Diamond orderd to return hither wth Pepper will be a disappointment to the Defence, tho we know the H: C. have orderd the sending home all we can, proper for Europe besides it is some reputation that a great ship full Laden from the Wt Coast is sent to England. W.F. } WILL: FRASER.

THO: GRAY.

Letter from Governour Laurence Pitt of Negapatam, adviseing of the Pearle friggots arrivall at Galle on the Coast of Zealon from Madagascar, forc't thither for repairs being dangerously leaky, and upon her returne at Joanna mett with the Herberts long boat and six men who confirms the sad dissaster of that ship there. NOVEMBER 2

About nine this morning deliverd Capt Wm Heath Commandr of ship Defence his dispatch for the West Coast of Sumatra. 4

Letter to Governour Laurence Pitt requesting his command to his people at Galle for their assistance to the Pearl friggot wth other necessary advices.

At five this evening the President deliverd Capt William Heath the following Protests Viz. 5

TO CAPT WILLIAM HEATH
COMMANDR OF SHIP DEFENCE.

It growing late and dangerous in the Monsoon and your Charterparty time elapsing too much for the little time you have to stay and great buisness of the Rt Honble Compa to do at the West Coast, and haveing long since dispatcht yor Ship thither but Seeing you still here contrary to its import and order to the endangering ye voyage Ship and the Honble Compas Concernes Aboard her, wee are therefore obliged in their Names & for their accts to protest against You Willm. Heath for Yourself, Owners and Security in the Summe of twenty thousand pound Sterling for all losses and damages the Rt Honble East India Company may or shall Sustein by your delayes and disobedience given under our hands at Fort St George in the Citty of Madrass this fifth day of November in the Evening anno Dom 1690.

ELIHU YALE.

Ship Defence Capt Wm Heath Commander Sett saile for the West Coast. 6

Ship Recovery Peter Bromsden Master being bound for Pegue was at the point of the Island of Negrais surprised by one Shipp Severall boats and Sloops of the Frenches who made after her but were by great mercy defeated & so return'd and tis supposed that the rest of the fleet are in harbour there fitting and Victualling their Shipps. 8

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MONDAY [10]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

ELIHU YALE President and Governour
MR THOMS WAVELL   MR JOHN CHENEY
MR WILLIAM FRASER   MR THO. GRAY.

The Presidents Accts of the Rt Honble Compas Cash for the month of October was read and past ye ball amounting to . . . Pags 128237 : 11 : 1.

Mr William Fraser read his Paymastrs accts for the month of September, which was past in Councill. Errors excepted the particulars Viz.

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1156 :	29 :	$\frac{7}{8}$
Charges Generall	„	354 :	25 :	$\frac{3}{4}$
Vizagapatam factory	„	133 :	24 :	—
Fort St David	„	469 :	14 :	—
House and Ground	„	150 :	— :	—
Charges Dyet	„	338 :	31 :	$\frac{1}{4}$
Charges Extraordy	„	25 :	33 :	—
Metchep charges Merch	„	60 :	27 :	—
Acct: fortification &a	„	259 :	31 :	$\frac{3}{16}$
Jno: Turner paid his debt	„	19 :	22 :	—
Charges Cattle	„	14 :	— :	—
West Coast	„	4 :	31 :	—
	Pags:	2988 :	07 :	$\frac{9}{16}$

Mr Thomas Gray's Acct of the Sea Customes was read and past and paid into the Rt Honble Compas Cash Pags 1511 : 29½ recd in the months of July and Septembr. His Mint Accts were also read and past Errors excepted and paid Pa 1388 on acct Silver coynage and mintage dutyes.

July.

Acct: Customes	Pa:	377 :	12 :	96
Anchorage	„	14 :	18 :	—
Tonnage	„	37 :	18 :	—
	Pa:	429 :	12 :	96

Septembr:

Acct: Customes	Pa:	954 :	16 :	43
Anchorage	„	34 :	18 :	—
Tonnage	„	93 :	18 :	—
	Pa:	1082 :	16 :	43

Mr John Cheney paid 5000 Pagodas into the Rt Honble Companys Cash for Goods Sold out of the Warehouse.

The Maucquas desireing 100 Pags to be advanc't them as accustomary for the mending and repairing their boats which ye Paymaster is orderd to lend them takeing their receipts for it and to pay it in their Service.

Intending as formerly advised to send part of the Rt Honble Compas Stock by us to Bengall & part to Surrat, if we find no reason to the contrary, It is therefore orderd that the Warehousekeeper and Mintmaster do buy up all the rupees they cann, but not less then 352 ℔ 100 Pa: they being more current at those places and great loss upon Pagodas.

After a serious debate about the trying the many Pyrats Sent us by the Dutch from Batavia and long under confinement, who being importunate for their tryall and being at great charge to the Rt Honble Compa Their Majesties declaration of Warr, Warrant &ca were perused, wherein we find the Rt Honble Compas Charter

and Coarts of Judicature confirm'd, So that beleiving we have the Same Authority as formerly Tis therefore thought fitt and orderd that a Coart Martiall be Summond and held for their tryall at the fort Hall on fryday next the 14 Instant, and that the Prisoners have notice thereof to make their defence, and the Attorney Generall do get their charge & Wittness &ª: necessary thereto, and haveing no other Evidence against them then their own examinations or confessions which they have bin Very cautious in, not to condemn themselves, 'Tis therefore agreed & orderd that two of the said Prisoners be pardond to give evidence against the rest Vzᵗ Alexander Peirson & John Best.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL
JNº: CHENEY.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: GRAY.

Letter from the Dutch Commissary Adrian Hendrique Van Reede, to the Honᵇˡᵉ President returning thanks for his kind protection and Assistance to the Governour Laurence Pitt and his fleet with assurance of his freindship and Service upon all occasions as hereafter entred.

Coppy of the Pardon.

To ALEXANDER PEIRSON.

Whereas You Alexander Peirson have by your Voluntary Confession accknowledg'd yourself guilty of the great and horrid crimes of Pyracy &ª you Stand accused of, in Consideration whereof as also your giveing Evidence against the rest of your criminall crew, and being likewise prov'd to us, your desires and endeavours to have left them at Aden, with the Scence of your unfeigned Sorrow and true repentance, Wee by the Authority, their Gracious Majesties of Great Brittain has granted or confirmd to yᵉ Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ English East India Company, and from them derived to us their President & Councill of Fort Sᵗ George do the extent of our Power hereby pardon you for the said Crimes of Pyracy and all other Crimes committed by you from your departure from England to this day, wᶜʰ we hope will warne and reforme from the like Crimes for the future wᶜʰ yᵉ Allmighty grant you grace for, Given under our hands and the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ Companyes Seale this twentyeth day of October Anno Dom̃. 1690.

ELIHU YALE.
THOMˢ: WAVELL.
JOHN: CHENEY.
WILLᴹ: FRASER.
THOMˢ: GRAY.

This being the appointed day for the holding of a Coart Martiall, for the tryall of the Pyrats but yᵉ Attorney Generall not haveing their Severˡ examination ready for it, Twas orderd that it be deferrd till Munday next. 14

Coppy of a Pardon

To JOHN BEST.

Whereas You John Best have by your Voluntary confession, acknowledg'd Yourself guilty of the great and horrid crimes of Pyracy &ª you stand accused of, in consideration whereof as also your giveing evidence against the rest of your criminall crew, and being likewise prov'd to us your desires and endeavours to have left yᵐ at Mallacca, with the Scence of your unfeigned Sorrow and true repentance, We by yᵉ authority their gracious Majesties of Great Brittaine has granted or confirmd to the Rᵗ Honᵇˡᵉ English East India Company, and from them derived to us their President and Councill of Fort Sᵗ George do the extent of our power hereby pardon You for the said crime of Pyracy and all other crimes committed by you from your departure from England to this day, which we hope

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will warne and reforme you from the like Crimes for the future, which the Allmighty grant you Grace for, given under our hands and the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] Seale this fifteenth day of November Anno Dom̃ 1690.

ELIHU YALE.
THO: WAVELL.
WILLIAM: FRASER.
THOMAS GRAY.

By some private advices from the Bay we have the news of the french fleets arrivall in Ballasore just before which the Princess and Kempthorn were necessitated to weigh Anchor and Secure themselves from the Enimys, one of them seems to have gott Safe into the river but the other made off to Sea. Tis reported that the french finds but a cold reception there the Goverment obstructing them in all things as to Provision and other necessary assistances from that place.

Letter from M[r] Daniel Dubois &[a] at Metchlepatam of the [*blank*] of [*blank*] giveing a Sadd Acc[t] of those ruinated parts, with an enclosed relation of the sad dissaster hapned to Cap[t] Burtons Ship in Corango Bay Surprizd by the French fleet.

The Worsp[ll] Councills Paper to y[e]: President.

TO THE HON[BLE]: ELIHU YALE ESQ[R]:
PRESIDENT & GOVERN[R]: OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE.

Hon[ble]: S[r]:

You deliverd us a paper last Councill day Stuft with evasive arguments and false affirmations, to blind the R[t] Hon[ble] Company and cloak your brothers frauds, it doth not require our saying anything to prove your severall assertions wholy malitious and untrue, they evidently appearing so to all impartiall unbyassd men, and doubt not our Hon[ble] Masters will rightly dissern them notwithstanding your endeavours to cast a mist before their understandings, Your unjustly espouseing your brothers ill actions, Serves only to confirme us in O[r] former opinions of your protecting him against Justice and not in the least for his Vindication.

Tis possible your Hon[r] may find some mutinary Europe Command[r] that will receive him &[a] your Creatures on board (before Satisfaction be made the Company) against our consent & order and consequently break his Instructions, but we shall endeavour all that in us lyes to prevent it.

You are pleased to Say you were never guilty of partiality to any of the R[t] Hon[ble] Comp[as] unfaithfull Servants except to Some of us and that in due time, you will doe your Hon[ble] Masters right, it is our humble request to Your Hon[r] y[t] if you know, wherein any of us have defraud[ed] our Masters, or have been guilty of misdeamean[r] you will now declare it, that Such unfaithfull Servant may be turnd out of their Service or clear himself from the aspersions of an evill Tongue.

That confused flashy pamphlet being a mixture of froth, lyes, wind, nonscence and insolent abuses, Sign'd to by M[r] Thomasse Yale and deliverd us by Your Hon[r] we shall take no farther notice of, then to tell Your Hon[r] that we expected Some thing more to the purpose, after that papers so long lying under Your Hon[rs] Correction & amendment, your Brother's abundant ignorance so puft up his Vain mind, with the hopes of being esteemed a Witt, that he had the simplicity to divulge his folly to the world, by giveing Coppy of his infamous libell to all he met of his acquaintance, by which means half the men in town could repeat his Senceless Story, before Your Hon[r] deliverd itt us.

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For your brothers unsufferable abuseing us, we require of Your Hon^r that he may be confined and punish't according to the R^t Honble Comp^as orders, which are that no insolent abusive inferiour Shall Slight or disrespect their Councill, without being Seveerly punisht, they being a considerable part of the Government, notwithstanding Yo^r Hon^rs continuall Slighting affronting & lessning them in the Sight of the Inhabitants as well natives as others.

This what we think convenient to write that Your Hon^r may not presume upon the truth of Yours by our Silence, the respect and honour due to Your place, has kept us from writeing in Your own abusive Straine, Wee are

Honble: S^r:
Your most humble Serv^ts:

Fort St George ye 10th of Novemb^r 1690.

THOMAS WAVELL.
JOHN CHENEY.
WILL^M: FRASER.
THOMAS GRAY.

To THE HON^BLE ELIHU
GOVERN^R OF FORT S^T GEORGE &^a:

We have received on the arrivall wth us for our Govern^r the Heer Laur: Pitt full and large notices of the great hon^r and freindship Your Hon^r has been pleased not only to confirr on his person but also of the ready assistance given our Comp^a in Generall in opposeing the french and Secureing the Ship and Goods, wee hope through Gods blessing, to see those enimyes erelong by o^r united forces well tamed and Subdued, all the mercyes received from God oblige us to advice remembrance of them, yet so as to forget to returne Your Hon^r our unfeigned thanks, would be esteemd by us the highest offence, we are ever bound by manifold obligations to the English Nation to assist & promote its interest by all wayes and means possible and in regaurd the present state and condition of o^r affaires on both sides, seems by Gods appointment to be so closely knitt together, not only in a polliticall, but in a religious Sence, that our Severall interest cannot be devided, we should greatly offend if in ye juncture we did not endeavour by all means of good offices to contribute to each others advantage, in which most worthy example Your Hon^r has already excelld and gone before us, however herein we shall never cease to imitate the patterne your Hon^r has been pleased to give us. Translate a Lett^r from ye dutch Commary.

A little before the arrivall of our Govern^r here wee rec^d Your Hon^rs letter of the 4th old and 14th July new Stile wch make demand in ye name of certain English men of a Vessell cast away in the month of March the past year near the Island of Ceyloan deep laden wth Cowrees and Cayr, tis very true such a vessell as you mention was wrackt in the very same place & time, being left by all men & sought after by none other, our Comp^a thereupon orderd her goods to be brought on Shore & Secured, and they (consonant to their constant pracctice) desire not to be enricht by that, which the sea has deprived ye unfortunate of we will wait till Substitutes are sent in y^r Hon^rs name, provided wth necessary instructiõ Testimonyes and proofs of the true owners and proprietors of the said goods, to whom they shall not be denyed (as the law of Nations require by the Serv^ts of our Comp^a and further we will ourselves observe what is Commanded herein by You being I am.

Your Hon^rs: humble and Obedient Servant,
A. H. VAN REEDE.

Rec^d the 15

This day a Coart Martiall was held for the tryall of the Severall Pyratts lately sent us by the dutch from Batavia who were strictly examined and tryed and found them equally guilty but in consideration of the small execution they had done, and that Justice is inclined to mercy, the Coart thought fitt to Sentence 17

two to death as well for example as Terrour Sake; takeing the fortune of the dice the rest to be branded in the forehead at the execution post.

26 Generall to Mr Hatsell &a at Fort St David.

Presidents letter to Rama Raja.

29 This Evening arrived the Cossitts from ye Agent and Councill of Bengall of the 13th: 15: 25 Sepbr last from Chuttanuttee adviseing they arrived in Ballasore road the 28th July, and very kindly received by all people in the Goverment especially by the Nabob who had sent down his & the Duans Perwanna's with the Coppy of the Kings Phyrmaund congratulateing them into the Countrey, wth ye encouragemt of a free & unmolested trade; they also confirme the sad news of Capt Haddocks death, who dyed the 23 of Augst last, and that on the 31st of Octobr the french fleet, arrived whereupon the Dutch Directore sent some Persons wth proposalls of mutuall conjunctiō offering to fitt 2 Shipps of 40 Gunns each Suitably mann'd & yt they should do the like, but ere things could be brought to pass, they recd advices of the enimy's fleet had left Ballasore road.

27 The President ys day sent Mr Wm Fraser an order to bring the Condemnd Pyrats to execution but not observed, but ye Sentence of ye Coart Martiall obstructed.

[December] 7 Generall from Conimere adviseing the arrivall of the Dyamond friggot from the West Coast of Sumatra. Falling down thither by reason of the Northerly winds and Currants setting soe strong, that she could not fetch this port, And there she waites for the Presidents &a orders.

9 Generalls from Agent Harris &a at Surrat of the 30 September and 20th October last wth an enclosed Coppy of a letter to Capt John Kempthorne, desireing a Supply of money wth factors and writers for their Service, haveing but 29 left on the whole Coast, with other particular advices.

13 This evening Mr William Jearsey dyed.

15 The President Sent the following proposall to the Councill for their perusall wch they agreed to, and accordingly enterd.

Capt Howell on the Dyamond friggot being arrived to Conomeer from Bencolen and Indrapore wth ladeing of Pepper, and ye northerly Monsoon not admitting her comeing hither in a month or two, Tis therefore agreed and orderd that she proceed to Fort St Davids and unlade her Cargo there to prevent the danger of the french fleet and other Casualtys, they being Suddainly expected to return to this Coast and that if the Ship Should be Surprized by the french that she either goe into Cuddalore river or Saile for Tringambar, till further orders, & that the West Coast packett be forwarded hither overland with all expedition.

The Depy Governour &a of Fort St David adviseing that they had disposed of the Europe Cloth carryed with them, and that their marketts can vend more, Tis therefore orderd that thirty bales Broad cloth Ten of Cloth Rashes five of fine Perpetuanoes and Ten of ordinary with Ten candy of Allome and Ten of brimstone also that the Stores for Ship Bencolen be laden upon Recovery at the usuall freights no other oppertunity offering but Countrey boats who will runn a great hazzard in passing Pullicherry.

Elihu Yale.
Tho: Wavell.
Jno: Cheney.
Tho: Gray.

The above written proposall was sent to ye Councell & agreed to by them.

26 Generall to St Davids read approved & sent.

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